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STATEMENT

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Mr. Chair,

Zambia welcomes this opportunity to contribute to the discussion on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.

We align ourselves with the statements delivered on behalf of the African Group and the Non-Aligned Movement and wish to make the following remarks in our national capacity.

Mr. Chair,

Zambia remains deeply concerned that, despite longstanding global commitments, progress towards nuclear disarmament continues to lag behind expectations. This slow pace has generated growing frustration among non-nuclear-weapon States.

We therefore reiterate the call for the full and effective implementation of Article VI of the Non-Proliferation Treaty and the universalization of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. The catastrophic humanitarian and environmental consequences of any use of nuclear weapons demand that the goal of a nuclear-weapon-free world becomes a reality, not a distant aspiration.

Mr. Chair,

Zambia firmly believes that multilateralism remains the cornerstone of disarmament and international security. We urge nuclear-weapon States to adopt risk-reduction measures, enhance transparency, and implement victim assistance and environmental remediation. We further reiterate the call for the early entry into force of the CTBT, and progress toward a treaty banning the production of fissile material.

Strengthening nuclear-weapon-free zones, including the Pelindaba Treaty in Africa, is equally vital.

Mr. Chair,

We are equally concerned with the threat of weapons of mass destruction falling into the hands of non-state actors. We support the continued relevance of Security Council resolution 1540 and call for enhanced international cooperation to strengthen national legal frameworks, border controls, and export verification systems.

In conclusion, Zambia reaffirms its unwavering commitment to a world free of nuclear weapons, to inclusive and transparent multilateralism, and to the responsible use of science and technology for peaceful purposes. These commitments are not only legal obligations but also moral imperatives.

I thank you.