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Chair,

My delegation aligns itself with the statements made on behalf of NAM and ASEAN.

The Philippines underscores the importance of strengthening regional mechanisms towards achieving progress in disarmament and fostering long-term and sustainable peace. The Philippines is an active participant in ASEAN-led mechanisms such as the East Asia Summit (EAS), the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), and the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus).

Within the framework of ASEAN and ASEAN-led mechanisms, we are committed to regional cooperation, such as in CBRN response and nuclear risk reduction. Together with Australia, we co-chaired and successfully conducted the ARF Intersessional Meeting on Non-Proliferation and Disarmament in Manila last March 2025.

It is also within the ARF framework that the Philippines, together with Australia and Singapore, will chair and conduct the ARF Workshop on Peace and Security in Outer Space, in Manila in November this year, in accordance with the commitments agreed upon and declared in the Ha Noi Action Plan II 2020-2025. The ARF recognizes the need to promote exchange of views towards the prevention of an arms race in outer space as well as relevant transparency and confidence-building measures to ensure the maintenance of peaceful use of outer space.

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Furthermore, the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre (ARMAC) has been instrumental in promoting mine action and addressing explosive remnants of war (ERW) in the region. We call on other states to support the strengthening of ARMAC especially amidst the challenges to mine action and to the advancement of humanitarian disarmament.

Chair,

We are deeply concerned about the declining commitment in global disarmament, non-proliferation, and arms control mechanisms. We call on all nations, especially Nuclear-Weapon States, to uphold and fully implement their obligations and commitments under these mechanisms, including the NPT.

We commit to preserving Southeast Asia as a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone and free of all other WMDs, in accordance with the ASEAN Charter and the SEANWFZ Treaty.

We support the establishment of regional Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones, particularly in the Middle East and urge all Nuclear-Weapon States to engage in dialogue and work towards concrete measures to reduce global stockpiles of nuclear weapons, with the ultimate goal of complete elimination. Bilateral or trilateral consultation mechanisms should be pursued for this purpose.

In conclusion, regional disarmament must be guided by dialogue, mutual trust, and respect for international law, with a view towards raising regional confidence and diversion of resources from defense towards sustainable development.

Thank you.