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**FIRST COMMITTEE**  
**STATEMENT - CLUSTER 1: NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

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Mr. Chair,

- Fiji attests great importance to this cluster and is committed to the implementation of the nuclear instruments it has ratified.
- At the national context, we work closely with the IAEA in meeting our reporting obligations, more recently with the submission of our small quantities protocol requirements.
- In line with the IAEA safety standards, Fiji ensures compliance concerning the storage and disposal of radioactive wastes.
- In the Pacific region, the 40th Anniversary of the Rarotonga Treaty celebrated this year reaffirms Fiji's longstanding commitment to nuclear disarmament. We welcomed and commended the Republic of the Marshall Islands for joining the Rarotonga Treaty.

Mr. President,

- The truth is, we cannot address total elimination of nuclear weapons if the global community is yet to resolve the heightened atmosphere of distrust.
- While we applaud those who have relinquished their nuclear arsenals for global peace and security, those states must not be left vulnerable and under the risk of attack or exploitation. Transparent and reliable international safeguards should be instituted.
- For over four decades, Fiji has contributed peacekeeping troops to UN Missions, prioritizing global peace and security. With this, we have ensured consistency with our obligation as parties to all international nuclear instruments.
- In our region too, we showcased that peace must begin at home and with our neighbors. The Pacific Forum Leaders endorsed last month in the Solomon Islands the “Ocean of Peace Declaration”, recognizing the Blue Pacific as an Ocean Peace. This is our invaluable contribution to peace and global order, rooted in the fundamental values of mutual respect, sovereignty, territorial integrity, and political independence.

- In conclusion, the Pacific's dark nuclear history and legacy is familiar to all. With this we are supportive of the resolution on International Trust Fund for Victims assistance. We need peace and prosperity in our region and beyond.

Thank you

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