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Mr Chair,

Let me congratulate you on the assumption of the Chairmanship of the First Committee for the 80th session of the UN General Assembly. You can be assured of Poland's full support.

Poland fully associates itself with the statement delivered by the EU. In addition, my delegation would like to comment on several issues in its national capacity.

Mr Chair,

Poland is honoured to address the First Committee and reaffirm the unwavering commitment to international peace and security, the preservation of the global non-proliferation architecture, and the defense of the rules-based international order.

Unfortunately, we speak today as a country whose region continues to bear the consequences of war. Last month, the Russian Federation's military drones, flying over the territory of both Ukraine and Belarus, breached Polish airspace, thereby violating Polish territorial integrity. We know that it was not a mistake. Deliberate incursions by the Russian forces occurred later also in Romanian and Estonian airspace.

The ongoing Russian full-scale invasion on Ukraine, now in its third year, continues to violate the fundamental principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity, and human rights. Russia's actions have not only shattered peace in our neighborhood—they have undermined decades of progress in arms control and disarmament. They deserve a resolute international response.

Mr Chair,

Poland believes that the Russian Federation's increasingly aggressive nuclear posture should be a matter of particular concern of the international community. The updates to Russia's nuclear doctrine, which lower the threshold for nuclear use — including in response to conventional threats — are deeply alarming. Correspondingly troubling are Russia's plans to deploy Oreshnik missiles and tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus.

Russian nuclear escalatory policies represent a direct threat to the European and global security. They go against the spirit of Article VI of The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) by contradicting the goal of reducing the role of nuclear weapons in international affairs. Nuclear escalation leads to further erosion of strategic stability and increase in the risk of miscalculation.

Poland calls on all Member States to unequivocally reject nuclear coercion and condemn the Russian Federation for pursuing its reckless policy.

Mr Chair,

In this context, the NPT remains more vital than ever. As we look ahead to the 2026 NPT Review Conference, all states should resist efforts to undermine the Treaty and instead strengthen its implementation. This includes advancing nuclear risk reduction measures, promoting transparency, supporting the universalisation of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) and making concrete progress on the Fissile Material Cut Off Treaty (FMCT).

Equally essential is the need to underline the IAEA's leading role in verifying compliance and ensuring the peaceful nature of nuclear programs.

Mr Chair,

Poland strongly condemns the reported systematic use of chemical weapons by the Russian forces in Ukraine, which constitutes a clear violation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC).

We urge the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) to continue its vital work in holding perpetrators of chemical weapons use accountable. This call remains particularly crucial in the light of confirmed use of Riot Control Agents in the war against Ukraine. To uphold the integrity of the CWC, the international community must demonstrate that a zero-tolerance policy is the only policy for those using chemical weapons.

Poland welcomes the cooperation of the Syrian authorities with the OPCW to fully dismantle the chemical weapons programme developed by the Assad regime as well as to investigate the cases of chemical weapons use. Developments in Syria underscore the vital role that the OPCW and CWC play in addressing non-proliferation violations.

We remain a firm supporter of the CWC and strengthening the OPCW. To this end, as in previous years, Poland will table a draft Resolution on the Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Mr Chair,

The global non-proliferation regime faces serious challenges also outside Europe. Poland remains deeply concerned by the continued advancement of nuclear and missile programmes in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), which violate the UN Security Council resolutions and threaten regional and global stability.

While we take positive note of the recent agreement between Iran and the IAEA, we urge it enable resumption of verification activities at all nuclear sites. It is essential, as it tackles all outstanding issues and addresses proliferation concerns through diplomacy, verification, and dialogue. For that, Iran's cooperation is needed.

Finally, Poland joins other states who expressed concern over the lack of transparency of China regarding its nuclear weapons arsenal build-up. We encourage Beijing to engage in dialogue leading to nuclear risk reduction. Poland also calls on China to follow the example of other P5 states and voluntarily commit to the moratorium on fissile material production.

Mr Chair,

Poland wishes to underscore the significance of the CCW and its mechanisms, which provide an important forum for cooperation in support of international security and the protection of civilians in armed conflicts.

The recent events in Europe, particularly the Russian aggression against Ukraine, have clearly demonstrated the grave consequences for peace and stability resulting from the irresponsible and indiscriminate use of conventional weapons.

Therefore, we believe that the CCW process remains a key instrument for strengthening humanitarian law and promoting the responsibility of states.

Poland stays committed to ensuring that the Convention continues to serve as a platform for building consensus around principles that reconcile defense development with the overarching obligation to protect human life.

Mr Chair,

Poland stands ready to work with all Member States to uphold the principles of peace and security in these difficult times. There is no alternative for international cooperation as the threats we face today are interconnected and complex.

We must defend the institutions and treaties that have safeguarded humanity for decades. We must reject aggression, resist coercion, and recommit to the values that unite us.

Thank you.