General Statement on the Draft Resolutions in Cluster 5
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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

I have the honor to take the floor to introduce the draft resolutions entitled "Artificial Intelligence in the Military Domain and Its Implications for International Peace and Security" and **"**Youth, Disarmament and Non-proliferation,**"** contained in documents L.46 and L.53.

Mr. Chair,

Artificial Intelligence is reshaping the way we process knowledge and information, and is rapidly transforming all aspects of our daily lives. Its profound implications for international peace and security require our urgent attention. To turn the transformation of the AI era — where light and shadow coexist — into opportunities for the international community, we should unite to establish principles for its responsible use.

In this regard, the Republic of Korea took several initiatives, including convening the first-ever High-Level Open Debate on AI

and International Peace and Security at the Security Council in September this year. With strong participation from around 80 Member States and observers, this open debate reaffirmed the broad and growing interest of Member States in this issue. We believe it is crucial to maintain this momentum, and that the UN, in particular this First Committee, which is responsible for disarmament and international peace, has an important role to play in this endeavor.

Building on this, the Republic of Korea, in partnership with the Kingdom of the Netherlands, has tabled a follow-up resolution on the AI in the military domain. This year's resolution includes plans to convene informal exchanges aimed at further sharing States' perspectives on all aspects of AI use in the military domain, including opportunities, risks, and implications. As of today, we are joined by more than 60 co-sponsors, to whom we extend our sincere appreciation.

This follow-up resolution builds upon last year's resolution, which garnered widespread support among Member States. The newly added informal exchange is a part of the step-by-step process envisioned by this resolution based on the extensive discussion, and we look forward to the fruitful exchanges next year.

Mr. Chair,

The Republic of Korea, a strong champion of youth engagement, as elaborated in Action 38 of the Secretary-General's Agenda for Disarmament, has also tabled, for the fourth time, the resolution entitled "Youth, Disarmament and Non-proliferation". This draft resolution aims to provide an avenue for Member States to work together to empower, engage, and educate young people in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation.

Throughout the formal sessions of this Committee and informal discussions, including the first-ever Youth4Disarmament Forum held on October 16-17 and sponsored by the Republic of Korea, many delegations expressed their strong support and high expectations for promoting the meaningful and inclusive participation of youth in disarmament and non-proliferation.

This draft resolution seeks to serve as a catalyst in that regard, by calling upon Member States, the United Nations, relevant specialized agencies, and regional and sub-regional organizations to develop and implement policies and programmes for young people. Active youth participation will not only enhance diversity in

related discussions, but also ensure their sustainability.

Since its inception in 2019, this biennial resolution has been adopted by consensus. Given its inherently consensual and cooperative nature, my delegation calls upon all Member States to lend their support to this draft resolution.

I am pleased to note that it already enjoys the support of almost 80 co-sponsors, yet another indication of the strong and enduring interest in this important topic. We sincerely thank all delegations that have already joined as co-sponsors and encourage others who have not yet done so to join this important initiative.

Thank you.