

**80th session of the United Nations General Assembly
First Committee
(New York, October 17th, 2025)**

**Intervention of Mrs. Anne Lazar-Sury
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of France to the
Conference on disarmament
Head of the French delegation**

Cluster 1 : « NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT »

Chair,

France aligns itself with the statement of the European Union and presents the following remarks in its national capacity.

The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons is the cornerstone of the nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament regimes and remains the only multilateral framework for achieving these objectives.

France wishes to work towards a successful NPT Review Conference.

France has taken unprecedented unilateral measures in the field of nuclear disarmament and intends to pursue this commitment through a gradual approach, grounded in the reality of the strategic environment.

In accordance with the 2010 Action Plan, France will support in-depth discussions on transparency under the three pillars of the treaty. We have also submitted an interim report on the implementation of the treaty this year.

France supports the work on **nuclear disarmament verification and strategic risk reduction**. We also reaffirm our commitment to the **security guarantees** already given to non-nuclear-weapon states and France's full readiness to work towards the signature of the protocol to the Bangkok Treaty.

France refuses to consider nuclear weapons as battlefield weapons; **our deterrent will remain strictly defensive**. France reaffirms its commitment to the 2022 joint statement of the leaders of the five nuclear-weapon States on preventing nuclear war and avoiding arms races.

Chair,

France remains fully mobilized to respond to nuclear proliferation crises. Iran must never acquire a nuclear weapon. We condemn Iran's serious violations of its commitments under the JCPOA, which led us, together with the E3, to trigger the *snapback* mechanism and reinstate the sanctions lifted in 2015. France will continue its diplomatic efforts alongside its E3 partners to find a lasting negotiated solution to the Iranian nuclear crisis.

France calls on the entire international community **to implement the sanctions decided by the Security Council**, which, in accordance with the United Nations Charter, apply to all.

Finally, faced with proliferation risks, France remains committed to **multilateral and national export control regimes for sensitive technologies**, which help prevent diversion and support cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

Thank you./.