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General Statement on Pakistan Resolutions under cluster 6 (Regional Disarmament and Security)

Thank you Chair,

I wish to introduce Pakistan's annual resolutions presented under cluster 6.

The importance of regional approaches to regulating arms, fostering confidence, and securing peace have long been recognized.

Drawing lessons from several regions of the world, Pakistan has, for decades, led initiatives in the UN to advance regional disarmament, conventional arms control, and CBMs. These resolutions reaffirm the complementarity between regional and global approaches to arms control, disarmament, and confidence-building as essential to international peace and stability.

Draft resolution L.6 links CBMs to regional concerns, emphasizing peaceful dispute resolution and disarmament for development. It calls for dialogue, compliance with arms control agreements, and UN consultation with states in regions of tension to further CBM efforts.

Draft resolution L.7 takes note of proposals for disarmament at regional and sub-regional levels and underlines the need for efforts to promote regional disarmament in accordance with the specific characteristics and requirement of each region.

Draft resolution L.8 recognizes the crucial role of conventional arms control in promoting regional and international peace and security and notes that balance in the preservation of defence capabilities of States at the lower level of armaments contributes to peace and stability and should be a prime objective of conventional arms control. It also notes with interest initiatives taken in various parts of the world.

Recognizing the feedback received from delegations in previous sessions, we have replaced Conference on Disarmament with the UN Disarmament Commission, considering its deliberative mandate, to consider formulation of principles that can serve as a framework for regional agreements on conventional arms control.

We will be ready to engage with delegations to discuss proposals for the next cycle of the Disarmament Commission.

Taking this opportunity, we wish to thank delegations for their strong support to these resolutions in previous years and we look forward to their continued support.

Mr. Chair, I thank you.