

Intervention by HUNGARY
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Mr. Chair,

Hungary associates itself with the statement made by the EU. In relation to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, however, we have more reservations compared to other EU Member States.

Hungary shares the **ultimate goal of a world free of nuclear weapons**. We are deeply concerned that rising geopolitical tensions threaten to erode long-standing norms against the use, spread, and testing of such weapons. **Open communication** and **confidence-building** remain essential to avoid miscalculation and escalation.

We remain firmly committed to strengthening the international nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime, grounded in the **NPT**, the **CTBT**, and the **safeguards system of the IAEA**. Hungary commends and supports the **IAEA's crucial work all around the world**.

In the field of nuclear disarmament progress can only be **incremental prioritizing pragmatic and achievable concrete steps**. In this regard, the **entry into force of the CTBT** is a priority. We call on all remaining Annex II States to ratify it. The Treaty's monitoring system is indispensable to maintaining the global norm against nuclear testing.

Such steps also include starting negotiations on the **FMCT** and further discussions on transparency and risk reduction measures.

We call for the denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula and condemn the **DPRK's ongoing nuclear and missile activities** which violate UNSC resolutions and urge its return to compliance with the NPT. We also support efforts aimed at ensuring the exclusively peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear activities and emphasise the importance of full compliance with the obligations under the NPT.

As a **NATO member**, we recognize the role of **Allied nuclear deterrence** in collective security while maintaining our **full commitment to disarmament and non-proliferation**. Effective **export controls** and adherence to multilateral regimes addressing nuclear weapons and their ways of delivery such as NSG, and MTCR are also **vital** to address proliferation threats.

In conclusion, let me reaffirm Hungary's **commitment** to a world free of nuclear weapons, achieved through a **balanced, step-by-step approach** with the **NPT at its core**.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.