



**National Statement on behalf of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas on the occasion of  
the Review Conference on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Treaty (NPT)**

**Main Committee III – Peaceful Usage of Nuclear Technology**

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Chair, my delegation extends warmest congratulations to you of your election as Chair of Main Committee III of this important Review Conference of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT), and assures you of its full support in the conduct of your work.

Mr. Chair, Peace is not only the absence of war, but also it the presence of conditions that allow humanity to thrive securely and sustainably.”

My Delegation, therefore, reaffirms its strong support of this Treaty, as well as we wish to highlight the indispensable work of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

The NPT stands as one of the most eloquent and enduring examples of what the international community can achieve when united by a shared commitment to peace, security, and sustainable development. It is more than a treaty, rather it is a global covenant that reflects our collective determination to prevent the spread of nuclear

weapons, to advance disarmament, and to promote the peaceful uses of nuclear science and technology for the benefit of all humankind.

For small island developing states such as ours, peaceful application of nuclear technologies offer transformative opportunities in the areas of healthcare, climate resilience, food security, and environmental protection. The work of the IAEA, particularly through its Technical Cooperation Programme, has been instrumental in ensuring that these benefits are accessible, equitable, and responsive to national development priorities.

In this regard, The Bahamas underscores the critical importance of sustained assistance to small island developing states. We are pleased to highlight that in 2024, The Bahamas hosted a high-level national workshop in collaboration with the IAEA's Technical Cooperation Programme, the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and the United States Departments of State and Energy. This initiative significantly strengthened our national framework for nuclear and chemical security, safety, and safeguards, demonstrating the power of international partnership in building resilient and secure systems.

Here it is also important to highlight the joint efforts of the Governments of United Kingdom of Britain and the United States of America with the launch of their Accelerating Scientific Collaboration and Excellence in Nuclear Technology initiative. This landmark partnership reflects a shared commitment to strengthening international cooperation, fostering innovation, and advancing the frontiers of nuclear science for the benefit of all.

We commend this collaboration for championing cutting-edge research and embracing non-traditional funding mechanisms that broaden participation, accelerate discovery, and support the responsible development of nuclear technologies. In this regard, the Government of The Bahamas looks forward to partnering with the ASCENT Initiative in the area of cancer treatment and care as well as improving our national food safety standards.

Chair, my delegation also reiterates its strong support for United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540. We fully endorse the spirit and intent of this important Resolution in

advancing global peace and security, particularly in preventing weapons of mass destruction and their various component parts from falling into the hands of rogue non-state actors and irresponsible state actors who continue disregard their international obligations.

At the same time, my delegation underscores that the credibility of the Treaty is intrinsically linked to the full and effective implementation of Article VI. We note with concern the continued lack of tangible progress in nuclear disarmament and the ongoing modernization of nuclear arsenals. These trends risk undermining confidence in the Treaty and weakening the broader non-proliferation regime.

Over the next review cycle, renewed priority must be given to practical and measurable steps that advance disarmament and reduce nuclear risks.

Mr. Chair, The Bahamas remains steadfast in its commitment to working with all partners to strengthen the global nonproliferation architecture, to enhance international security, and to promote sustainable development through peaceful nuclear innovation.

Chair, Excellencies, “Let us be remembered not for the weapons we restrained, but for the future we secured through unity, responsibility, and an unwavering commitment to peace for the betterment of all humanity.”

I thank you.