

**Statement by Amb Salahuddin Noman Chowdhury, Permanent  
Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations at the  
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**Mr. Chair,**

Let me begin by congratulating you on taking up the Chairmanship of Main Committee III at the 11th Review Conference of the NPT.

You have our full support and confidence as you lead this important work.

Bangladesh aligns itself with the statement made by Indonesia on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement. I would like to add a few points in our national capacity.

**Mr. Chair,**

As a promoter of global peace and inclusive development, Bangladesh attaches high importance to the full, effective and non-discriminatory implementation of Article IV of the NPT.

The peaceful use of nuclear energy is, one of the treaty's foundational pillars which is central to achieving sustainable development, energy security, food security, agricultural productivity, scientific advancement and climate resilience.

Bangladesh reiterates that the right of all States Parties to produce, use, and conduct research of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes must be fully respected

- without any discrimination - and in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Treaty.

In this regard, Bangladesh underscores the importance of ensuring access to nuclear technology, equipment, materials, expertise and technical cooperation for developing countries.

**Mr. Chair,**

We have consistently pursued the peaceful applications of nuclear science and technology.

Last week, we started the fuel loading of Bangladesh's first nuclear power plant, which represents a major milestone in our national journey towards clean, reliable and diversified energy.

At the same time, Bangladesh continues to benefit from nuclear technology in medicine, agriculture, food safety, and scientific research.

As a responsible State Party to the NPT, Bangladesh remains fully committed to its non-proliferation obligations and continues to cooperate with the International Atomic Energy Agency in accordance with applicable safety and safeguards requirements.

Bangladesh is a party to the Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM) and its Amendment.

We recently signed the Country Program Framework (CPF) for the period of 2026-2032 with IAEA.

We recognize the central role of the IAEA in promoting safe, secure and peaceful nuclear applications, while ensuring that nuclear materials and technologies are not diverted to **non-peaceful** purposes.

In this respect, Bangladesh calls for enhanced international cooperation, predictable and increased resources, capacity-building, technology transfer and stronger technical assistance for developing countries in the areas of peaceful uses of nuclear technology.

We further stress that safeguards and safety measures should facilitate - and not impede - the peaceful uses of nuclear technology.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.