

**Statement by the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the Conference on Disarmament,
on behalf of the delegation of Brazil to the 2026 Review Conference of the Treaty on Non-
Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
Main Committee III – Peaceful Uses
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Mr. Chair,

Let me begin by congratulating you on assuming the chairship of Main Committee III.

Brazil recalls that the right to the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, enshrined in Article IV of the Treaty, is inalienable and sovereign in nature. It is neither conditional nor derivative. Attempts to reinterpret, constrain, or indirectly circumscribe this right through political conditionalities or selective practices risk undermining confidence in the Treaty and weakening incentives for transparency, cooperation, and compliance.

Nuclear science and technology play a central role in addressing global challenges. Their contributions to energy security, climate-change mitigation, public health,

agriculture, environmental protection, and industrial development are well established. For developing countries, in particular, access to nuclear applications is essential for development strategies.

Brazil has developed a broad and diversified peaceful nuclear programme supported by rigorous safety, security, and safeguards frameworks. Nuclear technology underpins critical public-policy objectives, including cancer diagnosis and treatment, agricultural productivity, environmental monitoring, and key industrial processes.

Brazil is both a beneficiary of and a contributor to international cooperation under the auspices of the IAEA. Through the Technical Cooperation Programme, Brazil actively participates in and supports projects in nuclear medicine, environmental protection, safety, and capacity-building. Brazil also plays a leading role in regional cooperation, particularly through ARCAL, providing expertise, training, and infrastructure to Latin America and the Caribbean.

Brazil supports initiatives that strengthen the Agency's capacity to fulfil its statutory mandate of accelerating and enlarging the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health, and prosperity throughout the world. Brazil has consistently supported initiatives such as ZODIAC, Rays of Hope, NUTEC Plastics, Atoms4Food, and the Agency's expanding engagement with climate-related processes.

Mr. Chair,

Peaceful uses cannot be pursued in isolation from nuclear safety, security, and safeguards. Brazil attaches the highest importance to these dimensions. Brazil participates actively in IAEA safety and security activities, including emergency-preparedness exercises and peer-review mechanisms.

Brazil has recently taken significant steps to strengthen its domestic regulatory framework. The operationalization of an independent National Nuclear Safety Authority last August represented a major advance towards full alignment with internationally agreed standards and practices.

Brazil also stresses that safety and security requirements must not be misused as barriers to cooperation or as preconditions for access to peaceful nuclear technologies. Technical cooperation must remain demand-driven and grounded in genuine partnership and national ownership.

Brazil expresses deep concern regarding situations that place nuclear safety and security at risk, including armed conflict affecting nuclear facilities. The protection of nuclear installations and materials must be always ensured. Brazil further recalls that attacks against peaceful nuclear installations, particularly those under IAEA safeguards, undermine confidence in international verification and place the peaceful-uses pillar of the NPT under strain.

Mr. Chair,

Peaceful nuclear cooperation remains a central concern of NPT States Parties. Brazil believes that the Main Committee III must reaffirm the centrality of Article IV, strengthen the IAEA's capacity to deliver development-

oriented cooperation, and resist any erosion of the peaceful-uses pillar through selectivity or coercion.

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Upholding the right to peaceful nuclear energy must be an absolute priority.

Thank you.