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**Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
Review Conference
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**Statement by Ambassador Anne Lazar-Sury
Head of the French Delegation
(New York, May 22nd, 2026)**

Concluding remarks

Mr. President,

I align with the statement of the European Union and I wish to deliver the following remarks on behalf of France.

I wish to warmly congratulate you and your team, Mr. President, for all the work done.

France's unwavering commitment to the Treaty, to reaffirming its authority and centrality, and to the success of this conference, has

been demonstrated by the participation, for the first time since 1995, of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

France regrets that an agreement could not be reached on the draft final document. The latest draft document that you circulated to Member States offered, in our view, a very good basis for building consensus within this conference. We regret that the conference was therefore unable to take a decision on this text.

Mr. President,

The success of the NPT cannot be measured however solely by the adoption of a final text. The Treaty remains the cornerstone of non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament and the only instrument capable of fulfilling these objectives.

Nevertheless, **several steps forward were taken during this Conference**, with the five nuclear-weapon states expressing a clear commitment :

- First, to launch a substantive dialogue to build confidence and reduce strategic risks ;
- Second, to examine risk-reduction measures that can contribute directly to disarmament efforts.

On these two points, **France will continue to play its full part in this work, particularly through its chairmanship of the P5 process**, which it will assume starting this summer.

Added to this are the **advances made in strengthening the review process and transparency**. We note that there is a strong commitment to continue in this direction. France will continue to take the initiative on these issues, as we have done with the preparation and presentation of our national report during the current cycle. We support the United States' proposal to adopt a targeted decision on strengthening the review cycle.

Mr. President,

France regrets that **proliferation crises** have not been sufficiently highlighted:

- **First, regarding Iran.**

France calls on Iran to comply without delay with its international obligations arising in particular from the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council and its comprehensive safeguards agreement with the IAEA. In close cooperation with its E3 partners, it will continue

to support the diplomatic efforts underway to conclude a robust and lasting agreement ensuring that Iran never acquires nuclear weapons.

- **Next, regarding North Korea.**

France issued, on behalf of 86 States Parties and the European Union, a joint statement on the North Korean nuclear challenge during the Review Conference.

Finally, France emphasizes its **deep concern regarding the maintenance of nuclear safety and security in Ukraine**, following Russia's war of aggression waged since 2022.

We will continue to fully support the IAEA's work in this regard.

Mr. President,

Our conference has demonstrated the full commitment of the States Parties to this treaty, despite the difficulties it faces. I would like to thank you on behalf of France and reiterate my country's full readiness to continue working to strengthen the treaty.

I thank you Mr. President./.