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**General Debate**

**National Statement of the Republic of Cyprus**

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Mr. President, Excellencies, Distinguished delegates,

It is an honor to address the 2026 Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. Kindly allow me to add my delegation's congratulations on your election as President of the 11th NPT Review Conference.

Cyprus fully aligns with the EU statement and would like to add the following remarks in its national capacity.

Cyprus, a party to the Treaty since 1970, remains steadfast in its commitment to the NPT as the cornerstone of the global architecture for non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament. The NPT and its three pillars of non-proliferation, disarmament, and the peaceful use of nuclear energy, is central to our collective security and the advancement of a rules-based international order.

We reiterate our strong belief in the full implementation of the NPT. In line with the spirit of multilateralism, Cyprus underscores that only through multilateral approaches can we address the complex and evolving nuclear risks of our time. It is clear that unilateral actions and fragmented efforts will not be enough to safeguard our future from the perils posed by nuclear weapons.

As we look to the future, it is imperative that we pursue verifiable and irreversible steps towards nuclear disarmament, consistent with Article VI of the NPT. We call on all states to demonstrate transparency in their nuclear policies and to take concrete actions to reduce nuclear arsenals. Cyprus remains committed to working with all partners to make progress on these vital issues.

Mr. President,

To further reduce the risks posed by nuclear weapons, we emphasize the need for enhanced risk reduction measures. This includes stronger communication and greater efforts to ensure stability and predictability in nuclear relations. We believe that confidence-building measures are crucial to reducing the likelihood of miscalculations that could lead to conflict.

Additionally, we remain firm in our belief that strengthening the nuclear safeguards system is essential for the credibility and effectiveness of the NPT. It is of utmost importance that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) maintains its ability to verify compliance with non-proliferation commitments, and that states uphold their obligations under the Treaty to ensure that the peaceful use of nuclear energy is not diverted for military purposes.

In this context, Cyprus reaffirms its unwavering support for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT). We call for the entry into force of the CTBT without further delay, recognizing that the complete cessation of nuclear explosions is a critical step toward global disarmament and non-proliferation.

Let us, therefore, reaffirm our resolve to strengthen the NPT and work together toward a world free from the threat of nuclear weapons. Let us work together to ensure a successful NPT Review Conference, one that enhances the Treaty's effectiveness and lays the foundation for a safer, more secure world for generations to come.

Thank you.