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Statement

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At

**The 2026 Review Conference of the
Parties to the Treaty on the Non-
Proliferation on Nuclear Weapons**

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Mr. President,

1. My delegation would like to congratulate you on your assumption of the Presidency of the 2026 Review Conference. I assure you of our full support and cooperation.
2. Ethiopia aligns itself with the statements delivered by the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the NPT and the African Group, respectively.
3. Mr. President; the existence of nuclear weapons has continued to pose grave concerns to international peace and security. The current global geo-political tensions have further exacerbated nuclear arms race which threatens the global hard-fought development gains that have been attained thus far.
4. As a landmark global treaty with the objective to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons, nuclear disarmament and promotion of co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, NPT is the only legally binding framework that is critical to achieve a nuclear free world. Ever since it has entered into force, the Treaty has remained the cornerstone of the global nuclear non-proliferation regime. Underpinned on multilateralism, it is instrumental to accelerate the efforts of nuclear disarmament and ensure international peace and security.
5. Ethiopia, as a State Party to the Treaty, strongly shares the view that the objectives of the Treaty are best realized with all the obligations across its three pillars, and the agreements reached at its Review Conferences are implemented in a

balanced and effective manner. It is imperative that the Nuclear-Weapon States pursue collective security and adhere to the Treaty's obligations to ensure a world free from the threats of nuclear weapons. It is important to underline the glaring truth that the vast amount of resources that are allocated to the development of nuclear weapons save millions of lives if spent to address the multifaceted development challenges the world is facing today. This should be the course that we collectively need to pursue to enhance impact, particularly in achieving the SDGs.

6. We also believe efforts in strengthening confidence building and nuclear risk reduction measures are paramount in demonstrating our unwavering commitment to preserving and strengthening the Treaty.
7. Ethiopia reiterates its commitment to the Pelindaba Treaty - the African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty and firmly believes in the inalienable right of each State to develop, research, produce and use of nuclear energy, including the sovereign right to develop full national nuclear fuel cycle, for peaceful purposes. In this regard, we call on States with nuclear technologies to provide technical assistance and capacity building to the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.
8. As a primary implementing agency of the Treaty, while we commend the work the IAEA, my delegation would also like to take this opportunity to express its appreciation to the Agency's support in different fields of development including

agriculture, health, water management, and the development of nuclear energy for electricity.

9. As a significant multilateral agreement, we believe that its time that NPT's review Conference needs to make progress to reach agreement on the substantive part of the Final Document.

10. In conclusion, Ethiopia reaffirms its commitment to uphold the Treaty's obligations and work with the international community to build a peaceful and prosperous world for current and future generations.

I Thank you.