

## **National Statement of Finland**

### **11<sup>th</sup> Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons**

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#### **Statement by Director for Arms Control Outi Hyvärinen, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland**

Chair,

Let me congratulate you on your election as the Chair of this Main Committee. You have Finland's full support in your important task.

Finland aligns itself with the EU statement. I would like to add a few points in our national capacity.

Article VI is a central pillar of the NPT. It reflects the shared understanding that nuclear disarmament is essential for international peace and security.

For Finland, the NPT remains the primary treaty for advancing nuclear disarmament. Even when we encounter security challenges, the NPT provides the framework to reduce strategic risks and to enhance strategic stability.

One of the main reasons for the deteriorating international security environment is Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. We condemn Russia's actions and its irresponsible nuclear rhetoric that undermine efforts for nuclear disarmament.

Chair,

Finland is concerned about the rapid expansion of China's nuclear arsenal and the lack of transparency surrounding its capabilities and intentions. Transparency is a basic requirement for building trust and for reducing risks. All nuclear-weapon States should engage in dialogue, provide clarity about their doctrines, and contribute to global arms control efforts.

The expiration of the New START Treaty is another serious concern. Without this Treaty, there are no existing limits on the world's two largest nuclear arsenals. Finland urges the parties to return to dialogue and to preserve this important element of strategic stability. We also welcome the United States' proposal for multilateral strategic stability talks.

More broadly, Finland calls on all nuclear-weapon States to fulfil their disarmament commitments under the NPT. This includes refraining from increasing the number of nuclear weapons, reducing the role of nuclear weapons in security doctrines, reducing the overall stockpile of nuclear weapons and addressing the risks posed by non-strategic nuclear weapons.

We encourage all State Parties to work constructively to advance disarmament objectives agreed by all State Parties, including “13 steps” and “the Action Plan” and to demonstrate concrete progress.

Risk reduction is an essential part of this effort. Finland is an active participant in international work on nuclear risk reduction. We support practical measures ranging from crisis communication channels, notification mechanisms, doctrinal transparency dialogues, negative security assurances, to formal arms control agreements that help prevent the risks for nuclear conflict. While risk reduction cannot replace disarmament, it plays an important role in maintaining stability and creating conditions for further progress.

Finland is also contributing to the work of Stockholm Initiative for Nuclear Disarmament which has proposed three working papers during this Review Cycle. The working papers have concrete proposals related to negative security assurances, emerging technologies and strengthening the implementation of the NPT.

Additionally, Finland supports developing reliable and sound multilateral nuclear disarmament verification capacities, such as the International Partnership for Nuclear Disarmament Verification.

For us the promotion of the entry into force and full implementation of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty is of the utmost importance. We are actively working towards this goal as a member in the Group of Friends of the CTBTO. Pending the entry into force of the Treaty, maintaining moratorium on nuclear testing remains crucial.

Chair,

In nuclear disarmament, we underline the importance of creating security environment in an effective and verifiable way that promotes international stability and enhances security for all. Finland remains determined to support the Treaty and to work towards a safer world, free from nuclear weapons.

Thank you.