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Mr. President,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished delegates,

Georgia aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union. I would like to add the following remarks in my national capacity.

Mr. President, Ambassador Do Hung Viet

At the outset, allow me to congratulate you on assuming the presidency of this Review Conference. We are confident that your leadership will guide our work toward a constructive and balanced outcome. You can count on the full support of my delegation.

Georgia reaffirms its strong commitment to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) as the cornerstone of the global nuclear non-proliferation regime. We remain fully committed to all three pillars of the Treaty and underline that balanced progress across them is essential for maintaining its credibility and effectiveness.

Mr. President,

The current global security environment is marked by increased tensions, erosion of trust, and rising nuclear risks. These developments are of particular concern for non-nuclear-weapon states and highlight the need to strengthen the integrity of the non-proliferation regime.

In this context, Georgia condemns the ongoing aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine. This constitutes a serious violation of international law and the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and undermines existing security assurances, including those reflected in the Budapest Memorandum.

We remain concerned about the nuclear safety and security risks associated with the situation around the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant. We reaffirm our steadfast

support for Ukraine's independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders, including its territorial sea. We underscore the importance of achieving a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace, in line with the principles of the UN Charter.

Mr. President,

The effectiveness of the NPT regime relies on conditions that ensure transparency, accountability, and full implementation of international obligations.

In this regard, security assurances must be reinforced in a manner that enhances confidence among non-nuclear-weapon states.

Georgia also wishes to highlight risks related to areas where effective international oversight is not possible.

In our case, the occupied regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali remain beyond the reach of international monitoring mechanisms. This creates conditions where transparency is limited and verification cannot be fully ensured.

Georgia has documented and prevented attempts of illicit trafficking of nuclear and radioactive materials. However, in the absence of international presence, comprehensive monitoring remains a challenge.

These circumstances underline the importance of strengthening international cooperation and mechanisms aimed at addressing such risks.

Excellencies,

Georgia attaches great importance to the role of the IAEA safeguards system as a fundamental component of the non-proliferation regime. Comprehensive Safeguards Agreements, together with the Additional Protocol, remain the current verification standard, and their universalization should be further advanced.

Georgia continues to fully implement its obligations under these instruments and remains committed to strengthening its national regulatory and technical capacities.

We also reiterate our strong support for the universalization and entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, which remains an important element of the global disarmament and non-proliferation architecture.

Mr. President,

The success of this Review Conference will depend on our collective ability to reinforce trust, uphold international norms, and ensure effective implementation of our commitments.

Georgia stands ready to contribute constructively to this process.

I thank you.