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THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

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Mr. President,

Jamaica congratulates you on your election as President of the Eleventh Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. You may count on the full support of my delegation as you guide these important deliberations. Jamaica aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), and makes the following points in its national capacity.

We convene this Review Conference at a critical moment. The international security environment has deteriorated markedly since the Tenth Review Conference. Nuclear rhetoric has intensified, and the risk of nuclear weapons use is at its highest in decades. Against this backdrop, Jamaica believes that all states should participate in this Review Conference with a sense of urgency, and with an unshakeable commitment that the NPT must not fail.

The NPT was founded on a solemn bargain. Non-nuclear-weapon States undertook not to acquire nuclear weapons in exchange for a legally binding commitment by nuclear-weapon States to pursue, in good faith, effective measures relating to nuclear disarmament. However, nuclear arsenals continue to be modernized at enormous cost, and progress under Article VI of the Treaty remains concerningly slow.

Our principled position in support of non-proliferation and disarmament is buttressed by the belief that the entire global community has a role to play in advancing this agenda. We are convinced that the possession, use, and threat of use of nuclear weapons are inconsistent with the very principles we have entrenched in the UN Charter and in international law. Jamaica therefore emphasizes that cooperation and dialogue play an important role in addressing the existing tensions, which, themselves, demonstrate the increasing relevance of the discussions we will have during this Review Conference.

In this connection, Jamaica welcomes the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), which represents the most comprehensive multilateral instrument for nuclear disarmament yet negotiated. It complements, reinforces, and gives moral and legal purpose to the NPT. We call on all States that have not yet done so to sign and ratify the TPNW.

Jamaica remains deeply concerned by the continued non-universality of the NPT. We urge States outside the Treaty to accede, and emphasize that the integrity of the global non-proliferation regime is weakened so long as States that possess nuclear weapons remain outside the Treaty's framework.

Jamaica is a part of the first densely populated nuclear-weapon-free zone in the world, established by the Treaty of Tlatelolco of 1967. The Treaty was a visionary achievement, which demonstrated that states of the Global South could and would take the lead in advancing nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, even in the face of challenging global realities. We are committed to the preservation and integrity of the nuclear-weapon-free zone that this treaty establishes.

We also support the establishment, consolidation, and expansion of nuclear-weapon-free zones in other regions. These serve as building blocks for a world free of nuclear weapons, making a tangible contribution to regional and global security.

Mr. President,

Jamaica affirms the inalienable right of all States parties to the NPT to develop research, production, and uses of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, in conformity with their non-proliferation obligations. This right must not be made conditional based on geopolitical considerations or subject to undue restrictions. The right of developing countries to access nuclear technology for peaceful purposes — including in health, agriculture, water management, and energy — must be upheld without discrimination.

In this regard, Jamaica commends the work of the IAEA in supporting Member States' peaceful nuclear programmes and in providing technical assistance and capacity-building. We urge all States parties to contribute adequately to the IAEA's Technical Cooperation Fund and to ensure that the Agency has the resources it needs to fulfil its mandate.

We call for enhanced international cooperation, technology transfer, and capacity-building to ensure that the benefits of nuclear science and technology are equitably accessible to all States parties, particularly those in the developing world.

Jamaica grounds its nuclear disarmament advocacy in a recognition of the catastrophic and irreversible humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons. No civilian infrastructure, and no international humanitarian system, could adequately respond to the use of even a single nuclear weapon in a populated area. The impact of nuclear weapons on humankind must therefore remain at the forefront of our deliberations.

Jamaica shares the concern expressed by many delegations about the state of the NPT review process. Two consecutive Review Conferences ended without an agreed final document. This outcome has damaged the authority of the Treaty and has sent a troubling signal about the willingness of States parties to fulfil their obligations in good faith.

Jamaica urges all delegations to approach this Conference with the political will and spirit of compromise necessary to produce a substantive, balanced, and action-oriented final document. The three pillars of the NPT are mutually reinforcing and should be treated as such.

Jamaica stands ready to work constructively with all delegations to achieve a successful outcome for this Conference — one that advances nuclear disarmament, strengthens non-proliferation, and ensures the equitable enjoyment of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

I thank you.