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DRAFT STATEMENT

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**AT THE GENERAL DEBATE
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**ELEVENTH REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE
TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS (NPT)**

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY HALL

Mr. President,

1. Kenya congratulates you and the members of the bureau on your election to preside over this year's Review Conference and assures you of our full support and constructive engagement.
2. My delegation aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of the African Group and the Non Aligned Movement. I will now make the following remarks in my national capacity.
3. Nuclear weapons continue to have devastating effects on humanity, biodiversity as well as the environment. As much as nuclear security assurances remain an important tool of nuclear diplomacy, they point to intent and are never guarantees.
4. The continued existence of nuclear weapons remains an existential threat to humanity, particularly in the current global security environment marked by rising geopolitical tensions, increasing military expenditures, and the continued investment in modernization of nuclear arsenals.
5. In this regard, Kenya reaffirms that the total elimination of nuclear weapons is the only absolute guarantee against the use of, or threat of use of nuclear weapons. Their very existence is an outright challenge to global norms and treaties of mass destruction and undermines the disarmament and non-proliferation architecture.
6. We call upon nuclear-weapon States to fully implement their obligations under Article VI of the Treaty and to demonstrate tangible progress towards nuclear disarmament.

Commitments such as in the negative assurances, must be translated into concrete, time-bound actions.

Mr. President,

7. A world in which powerful nations cast aside international law in favor of brute force undermines the very system that safeguards smaller and less powerful states in Africa and around the world. Kenya expresses concern over the rapid advancement and militarization of emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence and autonomous weapons systems.
8. While these technologies hold promise for development, their application in warfare raises profound ethical, legal, and security challenges. Without rules-based multilateralism, the deployment of peaceful uses of nuclear technologies such as for electricity generation shall be derailed.
9. We therefore call for inclusive, transparent, and multilateral dialogue to ensure that such technologies are governed responsibly, in accordance with international law, and contribute to peace rather than conflict.
10. As a State Party to the Pelindaba Treaty, Kenya affirms the importance of nuclear-weapon-free zones to regional and global security and welcome the establishment of NWFZs in all regions, including the Middle East, to reduce tensions and promote lasting stability.

Mr. President,

11. Kenya affirms the inalienable right of ALL states to engage in research and development of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes in line with Article IV. The pursuit of developing

nuclear technology must however remain within the framework, protocol, and safeguards system of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

12. Guided by the IAEA Milestone Approach, Kenya is annexing nuclear energy as part of a diversified, low-carbon energy mix for sustainable development. Construction of the power plant is set to commence in 2027 and grid connection expected by 2034.
13. We commend and welcome the important role of the IAEA in their support and cooperation in maximising the potential of science and technology for socio-economic development.
14. We reiterate the call for a robust framework of international cooperation and support, centred on enhanced technology transfer particularly, for advanced reactor designs and capacity building through regional centres of excellence, as well as sustainable, predictable financing for IAEA technical programs to support newcomer countries.
15. In conclusion, Kenya urges all States parties to work together towards a bold, practical and consensual outcome at this Review Conference.

I thank you.