



**PERMANENT MISSION
OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF LIECHTENSTEIN
TO THE UNITED NATIONS
NEW YORK**

NEW YORK, 28 APRIL 2026

CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY

REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS (NPT)

GENERAL DEBATE

STATEMENT BY CLAUDIO NARDI, CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES, DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. President,

The NPT has stood for decades as the cornerstone of the global non-proliferation regime, reflecting a broad consensus on nuclear non-proliferation and on the long-term objective of complete nuclear disarmament. These commitments undoubtedly continue to reflect the wishes of an overwhelming majority of States, civil society and people around the globe. Nevertheless, we cannot simply state that things are moving in the wrong direction, as we gather for yet another review conference.

Geopolitical tensions are escalating. Nuclear-weapon States are modernizing and expanding their nuclear arsenals. The threat of the use of nuclear weapons has been used as a tool of blackmail in international relations. And there are no credible disarmament negotiations underway, while previous agreements have expired. We face a massive threat to the stability and credibility of the global nuclear governance system.

In this context, the 2026 Review Conference takes on particular urgency, even when prospects for a successful outcome are limited. The Conference offers a vital opportunity for us to change course and to reduce nuclear risks. This Conference is indeed a chance to reaffirm that working toward a world without nuclear weapons is not just an ideal, but a shared global duty.

Mr. President,

Adherence to international law is indispensable to allowing us to change course in a positive manner, addressing the risks of nuclear weapons and of further proliferation. In this context, the International Court of Justice found the threat or use of nuclear weapons would generally be contrary to the rules of international law applicable in armed conflict and in particular the principles and rules of humanitarian law. The reality of the humanitarian consequence is stark: any use of nuclear weapons would cause indiscriminate and catastrophic harm, making compliance with international humanitarian law fundamentally implausible, if not outright impossible.

Today, there is a growing emphasis on military preparedness in our part of the world; an unfortunate one, given the NPT's emphasis on disarmament, but one that reflects the grim reality. The aggression against Ukraine and the resulting destruction of the European security architecture cast a long shadow over Europe. We are appalled that the Russian Federation has repeatedly threatened to use its nuclear weapons. We are similarly concerned that the global race for nuclear weapons is at a record high. This trajectory undermines the treaty's credibility at a moment of growing global insecurity.

Liechtenstein remains extremely concerned by the situation in Iran and reiterates its firm opposition to Iran's pursuit of a nuclear weapon, which is illegal under international law and will only make the people of Iran, the wider region and the entire world less safe. Accordingly, we support all diplomatic efforts to reduce tensions and to bring about a lasting solution to prevent

Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon. We call on Iran to fully implement its obligations under the NPT, relevant Security Council resolutions and its legally binding Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement with the IAEA.

Liechtenstein supports all efforts towards complete disarmament under strict and effective international control, as enshrined in the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. In this context, we look forward to the first TPNW Review Conference later this year as a critical opportunity to assess progress on the treaty's goals. We also wish to stress the importance of preserving the global norm against nuclear testing, with the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty remaining essential to preventing a renewed qualitative arms race.

Mr. President,

The NPT remains essential to global security. In a moment of growing nuclear risks, we must reaffirm our commitment to the treaty's core obligations and to the international law that underpins them. This Review Conference offers an opportunity to rebuild trust, restore dialogue, and renew credible progress on disarmament and non-proliferation. Our shared security depends on collective action and Liechtenstein stands ready to work with all partners to strengthen the NPT and advance a safer world.

I thank you!