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**Statement by Mr. Gyan Bahadur Magar,  
Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Nepal to the United Nations,  
at the 11<sup>th</sup> Review Conference of the Parties to the  
Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons  
(NPT)  
*General Debate***

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**Mr. President,  
Distinguished Delegates.**

Nepal associates itself with the statement delivered by Uganda on behalf of States of the Non-aligned Movement that are parties to the NPT.

Let me now deliver the following remarks in my national capacity.

At the outset, I congratulate you, Mr. President, on your election and assure you of my delegation's full support and cooperation in

steering this important Conference towards positive outcome.

It is a great honour for Nepal to serve as one of Vice-Presidents of this conference and urges all to demonstrate the spirit of solidarity and consensus to deliver tangible progress on the NPT.

**Mr. President,**

The global nuclear and disarmament architecture is facing immense pressures with rising conflicts, widening mistrust, and skyrocketing spending on defense.

The NPT reaffirmed our collective commitments to secure nuclear non-proliferation and a world free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction.

Nearly six decades since its adoption, these commitments are far from being realized.

We continue to live under the persistent threat of nuclear weapons at a time when SDG progress remains clearly off track, especially in the most

vulnerable nations amidst a heightened global uncertainty.

**Mr. President,**

Nepal believes that the overarching objectives of the NPT can only be achieved through balanced, comprehensive and non-discriminatory implementation of all obligations across its three interlinked and mutually reinforcing pillars.

Nepal reaffirms that a time-bound, general and complete disarmament of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction is the only guarantee against their use and for lasting global peace and security.

We call upon the Nuclear Weapon States (NWS) to fulfil their obligation on nuclear disarmament under Article 6 of NPT in a transparent, irreversible, and verifiable manner.

The possession of nuclear weapons under any pretext is against the spirit of the Treaty.

We view that notions such as responsible possession, nuclear deterrence, and nuclear sharing perpetuate a dangerous nuclear status quo and are neither acceptable nor legitimate.

In this regard, we emphasize the effective implementation of 13 practical steps of the 2000 and 64-point action plan of the 2010 Review Conference.

**Mr. President,**

Nepal stands against both horizontal and vertical proliferation, including modernization of nuclear weapons and nuclear sharing that run counter to the NPT provisions.

We hold that the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) and the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) are crucial instruments complementing NPT and call upon States, which have not done so, to accede to these Treaties without delay.

Pending the entry into force of CTBT, a moratorium on nuclear weapons test explosions or any other nuclear explosions must be ensured.

We also call for an early conclusion of the Fissile Materials Cut-Off Treaty (FMCT).

Nepal underlines the importance of unconditional, non-discriminatory, and legally binding security assurances by Nuclear Weapon States to the Non-nuclear Weapon States against

the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons under any circumstances.

In addition, Nepal attaches great importance to the establishment and maintenance of nuclear-weapon-free zones, including one in the Middle East as practical and effective measures towards achieving a nuclear-weapon-free world and thus call on Member States to support such initiatives.

**Mr. President,**

We reaffirm the inalienable right of every Member State to pursue peaceful uses of nuclear energy under the NPT framework while adhering to relevant safety, safeguard, and security measures of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

We emphasize the necessity of robust international cooperation to ensure that developing and least developed countries have equitable access to develop and utilize nuclear energy for peaceful purposes in accordance with this Treaty.

Technical cooperation programs that support the scientific application of nuclear technology in

areas such as industry, health, agriculture, and other beneficial fields should be promoted to harness the shared benefits.

**To conclude, Mr. President,**

Nepal reaffirms its longstanding commitments to the NPT as a cornerstone of global nuclear non-proliferation, nuclear disarmament and peaceful uses of nuclear energy and technology.

We must pursue and strengthen the universality of the Treaty and ensure its good-faith implementation.

Nepal stands steadfast to collaborate with all Member States and partners for strengthening global peace and security, safeguarding human dignity and ensuring a nuclear-weapons-free world.

I thank you.