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Mr. Chair,

Nepal aligns itself with the statement delivered by Indonesia on behalf of the Non-aligned states parties to the NPT and wishes to add the following remarks in its national capacity.

I congratulate you, Mr. Chair, on your election and assure you of my delegation's full support and cooperation.

Mr. Chair,

At a time of heightened global uncertainty, the NPT remains fundamental to strengthening global nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime.

This Treaty has prohibited transfer and acquisition of nuclear weapons or nuclear explosive devices under Article I and II and placed binding obligations on nuclear-weapon states for nuclear disarmament.

Nepal stands against both horizontal and vertical proliferation, modernization of nuclear arsenals, and nuclear weapon-sharing under any circumstances.

Nepal underscores that non-proliferation must remain universal, unconditional, and strictly enforced.

However, we strongly hold that the transfer of nuclear energy and technology for peaceful purposes should not, in any manner, be restricted and is against the spirit of the Treaty.

Equally, we stress that non-proliferation cannot be pursued in isolation from nuclear disarmament.

The credibility and sustainability of the NPT rests on balanced, comprehensive, and non-discriminatory implementation of its three pillars.

In the absence of tangible progress on nuclear disarmament, the normative foundation of non-proliferation risks being undermined.

We therefore call upon Nuclear Weapon States to turn their commitments under Article VI into concrete, time-bound actions—leading to nuclear disarmament.

Advancing universal adherence and ensuring compliance with non-proliferation norms will strengthen the effectiveness and legitimacy of the NPT.

Diplomatic engagements with nuclear-armed states that are not parties to the NPT for non-proliferation compliance is equally important.

Mr. Chair,

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.

The lack of progress in advancing such assurances continues to remain a serious concern and requires renewed political commitment.

We also reaffirm the critical role of nuclear-weapon-free zones as effective instruments for advancing regional, global peace and security. These zones demonstrate that collective political will can deliver meaningful disarmament outcomes.

In this regard, we support ongoing efforts to establish a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East in accordance with the Resolution on the Middle East adopted during the 1995 NPT Review and Extension Conference.

Transparency and confidence-building measures are essential to reducing mistrust and preventing miscalculation.

The verification and monitoring mechanisms of the NPT framework should be further strengthened.

Mr. Chair,

We commend the IAEA's continued efforts and contribution to ensure that nuclear materials and technologies are used exclusively for peaceful purposes.

We further emphasize the importance of strengthening its technical cooperation programmes to support developing countries, especially the

countries in special situation, in terms of accessibility and affordability.

In closing, Mr. Chair,

Nepal reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the objectives and principles of the NPT.

This Treaty represents not only a legal framework but also a collective moral imperative to prevent the catastrophic consequences of nuclear weapons.

Our shared goal must remain clear: a world free of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction, where global peace and security is built on multilateral cooperation, trust, and the power of international law.

I thank you.