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Weapons (NPT)**

Main Committee-III

General Exchange of Views

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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 deliver the following remarks in its national capacity.

At the outset, I congratulate you on your election as the Chair of the Main Committee-III and assure you of my delegation's full support and cooperation.

Mr. Chair,

Nepal reaffirms the centrality of Article IV of the NPT that safeguards the inalienable right of every State Party to pursue peaceful uses of nuclear energy in line with the IAEA's safety, safeguards, and security measures.

We underscore that the peaceful use pillar is not a peripheral element—it is a vital driver of achieving sustainable development.

In a world facing interconnected crises, peaceful nuclear applications offer transformative solutions.

We oppose any undue restrictions on the transfer of nuclear materials, equipment, and technology intended for peaceful purposes.

Such restrictions undermine trust, hinder development, and risk deepening technological divides that contradict the spirit of the Treaty.

We emphasize the necessity of robust international cooperation to ensure that developing and least developed countries are duly provided with capacity-building support and equitable access to develop and utilize peaceful nuclear energy and technology.

Technical cooperation programs that support the scientific application of nuclear technology, including in its non-power use across industry, health, agriculture, and other beneficial fields, should be promoted to harness its shared benefits for humanity.

We believe that peaceful nuclear uses hold the potential to help bridge growing technological and economic disparities between developed and developing countries.

Mr. Chair,

Nepal commends the IAEA's indispensable role as the sole competent authority in verifying compliance and supporting Member States in strengthening regulatory frameworks.

Nepal has taken concrete steps in this regard.

As highlighted in our National Nuclear Policy, 2007; Radioactive Materials (use and regulation) Act, 2020; and Radioactive Materials (use and regulation) Rules, 2022; Nepal remains committed to ensuring the safe, secure, and responsible use of nuclear technologies

for advancing overall national development in line with IAEA standards.

We call for enhanced cooperation in strengthening the institutional and human capacity of developing countries to ensure nuclear safety, including protection systems at facilities, radioactive waste management, and safe transportation.

In closing, Mr. Chair,

The peaceful use of nuclear energy embodies the promise of the NPT for shared progress, scientific advancement, and the collective well-being of humanity.

Upholding this pillar in a fair and balanced manner will not only strengthen the NPT but also contribute meaningfully to a more equitable and sustainable world.

I thank you.