



STATEMENT

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Mr Chairman,

My delegation congratulates you on your able leadership and assures you of Nigeria's full support. Nigeria aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and the African Group and wishes to make the following remarks in its national capacity.

2. We convene at a time of heightened geopolitical tensions, weakening arms control frameworks, and growing nuclear risks. These realities underscore the urgency of preserving the credibility and effectiveness of the NPT as the cornerstone of the global nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime.

3. Nigeria reiterates that the continued existence of nuclear weapons remains an existential threat to humanity. Their catastrophic humanitarian and environmental consequences demand urgent and decisive action. The only guarantee against their use is their total, irreversible, verifiable, and transparent elimination.

4. In this regard, Nigeria expresses deep concern at the continued lack of meaningful progress by nuclear-weapon States in fulfilling their obligations under Article VI. The imbalance in the implementation of the Treaty's three pillars—particularly the disarmament pillar—undermines confidence in the NPT and its long-term sustainability.

5. We therefore call on nuclear-weapon States to demonstrate genuine political will by translating their commitments into time-bound and accountable disarmament actions, in line with agreed principles of irreversibility, transparency, and verifiability.

Mr Chair,

6. Pending the total elimination of nuclear weapons, Nigeria supports practical nuclear risk reduction measures, including de-alerting, no-first-use doctrines, enhanced transparency, and strengthened crisis communication mechanisms. However, such measures must not replace concrete progress towards disarmament.

7. Nigeria is particularly concerned about the implications of emerging technologies, including the integration of artificial intelligence into nuclear command and control systems. We underscore the imperative of maintaining meaningful human control over nuclear weapons at all times.

8. Nigeria reaffirms its strong support for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which complements and reinforces the NPT. We also reaffirm our commitment to the Treaty of Pelindaba and call for the establishment of other nuclear-weapon-free zones, particularly in the Middle East.

Mr Chair,

9. We further underscore the importance of the early entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty and urge all States to uphold moratoria on nuclear testing.

10. Nigeria recognizes the vital role of the International Atomic Energy Agency in ensuring compliance with safeguards and promoting the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. We reaffirm the inalienable right of all States Parties to peaceful nuclear technology, consistent with their non-proliferation obligations.

11. Nigeria supports strengthened accountability under Main Committee I, including standardized reporting by nuclear-weapon States and structured dialogue on implementation of disarmament commitments. We also reiterate the need for legally binding negative security assurances to all non-nuclear-weapon States.

12. As we proceed, we must avoid another inconclusive outcome. The credibility of the NPT is at stake. Nigeria calls for renewed political will, flexibility, and a shared commitment to multilateralism.

13. In conclusion, **Mr. Chair**, my delegation remains fully committed to working constructively towards a balanced, action-oriented outcome that advances disarmament, strengthens non-proliferation, and promotes the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

I thank you.