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NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

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Mr. Chair,

Allow me on behalf of my delegation to sincerely congratulate you on your election as chair to lead our work under this pillar. Please be assured of our full support and cooperation.



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Rwanda aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the African Group and the Non-Aligned Movement and makes the following remarks in its national capacity.

Mr. Chair,

Peaceful uses of nuclear energy are essential to the credibility of this Treaty. Article IV is clear: the right exists and it must be respected. Fully. And without discrimination.

Rwanda calls on all States Parties to uphold this inalienable right. No restriction beyond the Treaty. **No selective access.**

At the same time, rights come with responsibility. Peaceful uses must go hand in hand with non-proliferation obligations backed by safety, security, and safeguards.

The current review cycle presents a critical opportunity to reinforce the peaceful uses of nuclear energy pillar in a manner that reflects



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evolving global energy demands, sustainable development goals and rapid technological change.

Mr. Chair,

For Rwanda and many developing countries, the reality is urgent. Access remains unequal. Technology transfer is slow. Financing is uncertain. Capacity gaps persist.

This must change.

The United Nations we need must deliver, not defer.

It must guarantee real access to nuclear technology for development.

It must accelerate technology transfer, not restrict it.

It must strengthen capacity-building, not delay it.

And it must make cooperation predictable, not political.



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Rules must be equal. Access must be real. Benefits must be shared.

For Rwanda, this is development reality.

Energy demand is rising.

Urbanization is accelerating.

Industrial needs are growing.

Renewables alone are not enough. Diversified solutions are required including safe and peaceful nuclear technology.

Mr. Chair,

Nuclear applications are already delivering results: cancer treatment, water management, food security, climate resilience.

These are not future promises. They are present needs.

We commend the International Atomic Energy Agency for its work. But its mandate must be matched with resources. It requires predictable, sufficient, and sustained funding.



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Technical cooperation must expand. Technology transfer must accelerate. No State should be left behind.

Mr. Chair,

The success of this Review Conference will not be measured by declarations but by delivery.

By whether developing countries gain real and predictable access.

By whether cooperation becomes tangible.

By whether this Treaty serves development as much as it serves security.

For Rwanda, the choice is clear.

We need urgency. We need fairness. We need results.

Thank you.