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**Statement**

**by**

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**to the United Nations,**

**at the General Debate of the 2026 Review Conference of the Parties  
to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,**

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Mr. President,

1. Congratulations on your election as President of this Conference. We are confident that your able leadership will guide us towards a successful and meaningful outcome. Rest assured of Thailand's full support.

2. Thailand aligns itself with the statements of the Non-Aligned Movement and ASEAN.

Mr. President,

3. Escalating geopolitical tensions have raised alarm of **the threat of nuclear conflict**. We are deeply concerned by **the eroding disarmament commitments**, amidst **nuclear brinkmanship and the modernization of nuclear arsenals**. The integration of **Artificial Intelligence** into nuclear systems risks an unintended, automated escalation – a gamble humanity cannot afford.

4. Thailand's stance is clear: we cannot fix a deteriorating security architecture with more arms and fewer commitments. Our collective security demands a renewed commitment to **robust multilateralism and a rules-based international order** as well as **strong political will**.

5. For over 50 years, the NPT has remained the **cornerstone of international efforts on nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation, and peaceful uses of nuclear energy**. To keep it relevant, all States Parties must collaborate to ensure **balanced, transparent, and non-discriminatory implementation** across all three pillars of the NPT.

6. This Conference must be the **catalyst to ending the cycle of deadlock**. Only by honoring our commitments can we meaningfully advance toward the goal of **complete and general nuclear disarmament**.

Mr. President,

*(Disarmament)*

7. The only true guarantee against the use of nuclear weapons is their **total elimination**. Thailand urges all Nuclear-Weapon States **to implement their Article VI obligations in an irreversible, verifiable, and transparent manner**. We call for **sustained dialogue among Nuclear-Weapon States**, including efforts to conclude a **successor framework to the New START Treaty**. In the meantime, **risk reduction** must go hand in hand with disarmament efforts to foster trust and confidence and prevent miscalculations and unintended consequences.

8. Thailand **advocates for a multi-track approach** to pursuing a world free of nuclear weapons. **Recognizing their complementarity, we will continue to support the universalization of key instruments**, particularly the TPNW and the CTBT, and stand ready to **serve as a bridge-builder** to narrow the gaps and drive collective actions.

*(Non-Proliferation)*

9. Thailand **reaffirms its support for the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones in all regions, including the Middle East**, and encourages **further efforts to provide legally binding security assurances** in this context.

10. As the depositary state of the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ), Thailand **advocates for enhanced dialogue between Nuclear-Weapon States and nuclear-weapon-free zones** to bridge differences and address outstanding issues, including with a view to the signing and ratification of the Protocol to the Bangkok Treaty by Nuclear-Weapon States.

11. Thailand **fully upholds its nuclear non-proliferation obligations**, including under **the UNSC resolution 1540 (2004)**. We stand ready to cooperate with all parties, including within multilateral frameworks to ensure full and effective implementation.

*(Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy)*

12. The peaceful use of nuclear energy is the inalienable right of all States. Thailand remains committed to **the IAEA's frameworks, including the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreements and Additional Protocols**, which are essential to ensuring the peaceful nature of nuclear development program. In a regional context, Thailand underscores the importance of **ASEAN-IAEA cooperation**, particularly through the **Practical Arrangements**.

Mr. President,

13. We must **strengthen the review process** in light of evolving global security landscape. **Renewed political will is most needed** to ensure effective NPT implementation.

14. This Conference represents a **decisive moment to restore credibility and integrity of the NPT**. Let us not repeat the failure of previous Conferences. Thailand **calls upon all States Parties to engage constructively** towards a substantive outcome and the goal of a nuclear-weapon-free world.

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