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Statement

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to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,

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Mr. Chair,

1. Thailand joins other delegates in congratulating your appointment. Please rest assured of our support.
2. Thailand aligns itself with the statement of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Mr. Chair,

3. Amidst unprecedented **geopolitical turbulence, the weakening of international law, and the absence of an arms control arrangement among Nuclear-Weapon States (NWS)**, the international community stands at a nuclear precipice.
4. Nuclear rhetoric, nuclear deterrence, expanding nuclear warheads and delivery systems both in numbers and capabilities, as well as the inclusion of nuclear weapons into security doctrines **have amplified the risks of nuclear conflicts**. To lower the chances that such weapons are ever used, we must **advance the study of the humanitarian and environmental consequences of nuclear weapons** as a preventive measure.

Mr. Chair,

5. Thailand fully endorses the point made in the Secretary General's intervention earlier this week, that "**States must keep their promises under the Treaty** without caveats, without delays, without excuses, and without conditions,... the recommitment to disarmament and non-proliferation is the only path to peace...".
6. **The NPT is the only legal framework** binding all Nuclear-Weapon States. This **Review Conference is the only platform obliging these States to demonstrate their transparency and accountability** by renewing their adherence to disarmament obligations under the Treaty and past commitments.
7. In our view, **the implementation of Article VI on the three interrelated principles** of transparency, irreversibility and verifiability **must not be compromised by measures of arms control, non-proliferation or risk reduction**. Such measures must only complement, not replace, disarmament efforts.

Mr. Chair,

8. Thailand will continue to advocate **for international efforts to achieve a nuclear-free-world**, including by promoting universalization of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) as **a practical and effective disarmament measure under Article VI of the NPT**. Since its inception, **the TPNW has complemented and reinforced the NPT, the CTBT**, and other disarmament and non-proliferation architectures at international and regional levels, including **nuclear-weapons-free-zone (NWFZ) treaties**.

9. Beyond their disarmament and non-proliferation features, **nuclear-weapons-free-zone treaties serve as confidence-building measures** for their members and for the Nuclear-Weapon States in the zones. As the depositary of the Bangkok Treaty, Thailand will continue to **engage with all Nuclear-Weapon States to bridge the differences**, with the goal of securing their ratification to the Treaty's Protocol without reservation.

Mr. Chair,

10. While the NPT has been a fundamental and integral part of international and regional security, the Treaty must deliver more. The **wider and meaningful engagement of stakeholders**, including members of civil society, academia, women, youth and affected communities, is crucial **to ensure that the Treaty remains relevant and can address challenges posed by rapidly evolving technologies**, including AI, quantum and outer space.

11. Thailand views that particular attention must be given to the following decisive steps:

First, we must remain committed **to strengthening transparency and accountability** in disarmament, particularly through voluntary reporting, consistent with the 2010 Action Plan;

Second, we must **preserve the existing moratoria against nuclear tests and ratify the CTBT**, particularly by Annex II States, without delay;

Third, we must **declare a moratorium against the production of fissile materials used for military purposes** with the final aim to eliminate all weapons grade fissile materials;

Finally, we must **refrain from any activities that go against the objects and purposes of the Treaty and undermine its integrity and credibility**.

12. Thailand stands ready to work closely with all States Parties to ensure the much-needed substantive outcome of this Review Conference.

Thank you.

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