



**Statement of the United Arab Emirates
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Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT)
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Mr. President,

Allow me at the outset to congratulate you one more time on assuming the presidency of this Review Conference. The United Arab Emirates stands ready to work constructively under your leadership toward a credible, balanced and action-oriented outcome. We call on all States Parties to engage in a spirit of flexibility and shared responsibility with a renewed commitment to consensus.



The UAE aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative and the Arab Group.

Mr. President,

At a time of heightened geopolitical tensions and mounting pressures on international peace and security, the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons remains indispensable as a cornerstone of the global nuclear non-proliferation regime and for advancing nuclear disarmament.

The total elimination of nuclear weapons remains the only absolute guarantee against the use or threat of use of such weapons.

At the same time, the peaceful uses of nuclear energy constitute an inalienable right of all States Parties, to be exercised in conformity with the Treaty.



The UAE continues to demonstrate that a peaceful nuclear energy programme can be developed responsibly, transparently, and in full compliance with international obligations. Our national experience serves as a practical model of how the NPT framework enables the safe and secure development of nuclear energy while reinforcing international confidence.

In this context, we underscore the central role of the International Atomic Energy Agency in verifying compliance and safeguarding the integrity of the non-proliferation regime. We reaffirm the importance of universal adherence to the Additional Protocol as a critical instrument for strengthening transparency and building confidence in exclusively peaceful nuclear programs. We also reiterate the importance of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty and call on all States that have not yet done so, to sign and ratify it without delay.

Mr. President,

The UAE has consistently expressed deep concern regarding the Islamic Republic of Iran's conduct, particularly in relation to its nuclear activities, missile program, and destabilizing behavior in the region.



The UAE condemns in the strongest terms Iran's missile and drone attacks, which commenced on 28 February 2026 against the UAE and other countries in the region that are not parties to the conflict with Iran. This unprovoked aggression by Iran against the UAE, and the deliberate targeting of civilians, civilian objects, and critical infrastructure, constitutes a grave violation of international law.

This broader pattern of aggression and terrorism cannot be separated from the serious and longstanding concerns surrounding Iran's nuclear and missile programs. A state that unleashes large-scale, unprovoked attacks against its neighbors, while simultaneously restricting international verification, cannot credibly assert the peaceful nature of its nuclear activities.

The continued inability of the IAEA to verify that Iran's nuclear material is exclusively for peaceful purposes, due to insufficient cooperation and restricted access, is a serious proliferation concern. Iran's enrichment of uranium up to 60 per cent – a degree of enrichment that has no credible civilian justification – further heighten international alarm.



The UAE therefore calls on Iran to immediately restore full, unconditional, and sustained cooperation with the IAEA; to provide complete transparency regarding its nuclear program; and to comply fully and without conditions with its safeguards obligations.

Mr. President,

Iran is not the only country whose actions are raising concerns. Similar proliferation challenges persist beyond our region, including the continued development of nuclear and ballistic missile programs by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which threatens regional and international security and stability.

This Review Conference therefore remains as relevant and indispensable as ever, and the seriousness of the challenges before us must be reflected in the ambition of its outcome.

The UAE remains committed to working with all partners in pursuit of a safer world, free of nuclear weapons. **I thank you.**