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**STATEMENT**

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**at**

**“THE THIRD MEETING OF STATES PARTIES OF TREATY ON  
THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS (TPNW)”**

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- His Excellency Amb. Akan RAKHMETULLIN, President of the Third Meeting of States Parties of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons
- Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. At the outset, on behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia, I extend our sincere congratulations to you on your assumption of the presidency of this Third Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).
2. Cambodia understands all too well the profound humanitarian impacts of violence and destruction. Our history compels us to advocate tirelessly for peace, security, and the dignity of all human beings. The catastrophic effects of nuclear weapons, whether used intentionally or accidentally, are unparalleled in their capacity to inflict suffering, destabilize societies, and destroy the environment for generations to come. Cambodia firmly believes that the existence of nuclear weapons poses an existential threat to humanity, and their complete elimination must remain our collective priority.
3. The TPNW represents a historic milestone in the global effort to achieve nuclear disarmament. It is a testament to the collective will of the international community to eliminate the most inhumane and destructive weapons ever created. Cambodia commends the progress made since the Treaty's entry into force and calls upon all States, particularly nuclear-armed States and those under nuclear umbrellas, to join this critical endeavor.

- Mr. President,

4. Cambodia emphasizes the importance of universalizing the TPNW, and we congratulate to the great progress of the Treaty which has grown with some ratifications. We urge all States that have not yet done so to sign and ratify the Treaty without delay. Universal adherence is essential to ensuring that the norms established by the TPNW are upheld and that the threat posed by nuclear weapons is permanently eradicated.
5. We also stress the need for effective implementation of the Treaty's provisions, particularly those related to victim assistance and environmental remediation. Cambodia recognizes the disproportionate impact of nuclear weapons on vulnerable populations, including women, children, and indigenous communities. We call for increased international cooperation and support to address the humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons use and testing.

6. Furthermore, Cambodia underscores the importance of complementarity between the TPNW and other disarmament frameworks, including the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of nuclear weapons (NPT), Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapons-Free Zone (SEANWFZ), Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) and other international instruments. We believe that the TPNW strengthens the global disarmament architecture and contributes to the fulfillment of the NPT's objectives.

- [Mr. President](#),

7. The road to a world free of nuclear weapons is long and challenging, but it is a journey we must undertake with determination and unity. As a State Party to the TPNW, Cambodia remains committed to promoting peace, security, and sustainable development in our region and beyond. We urge all states to join this Treaty and to work together to ensure its full implementation.

8. In closing, Cambodia expresses its gratitude to the President and the Secretariat for their leadership in organizing this meeting. We stand ready to contribute constructively to the discussions and outcomes of this gathering. Let us seize this opportunity to reaffirm our shared responsibility to protect humanity and our planet from the scourge of nuclear weapons.

[Thank you, Mr. President.](#)