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

**GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS**

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Mr. President,

Malaysia commends your able leadership of this Third Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). May I take this opportunity to congratulate you and the delegation of the Republic of Kazakhstan on assuming this important role.

2. It has been nearly eight decades since the world entered the age of nuclear weapons, during which humankind has experienced the horrific consequences of their use and testing. Today, in an environment of heightened geopolitical tension and challenges to the multilateral system, the total elimination of nuclear weapons remains a critical imperative. The very existence of nuclear weapons poses risks which are too great for any State to countenance.

Mr. President,

3. The credibility and integrity of the nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation architecture cannot be taken for granted. As regards the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), the inability of two successive Review Conferences to achieve a substantive outcome underscores widening divisions and deepening trust deficits within the international community. Meanwhile, the qualitative and quantitative enhancement of nuclear arsenals continues unabated. The persistence and expansion of so-called nuclear sharing arrangements, premised on the false logic of deterrence, is also a cause for great concern. Indeed, as the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs poignantly reminded us last October, “*the world remains at a nuclear tipping point*”.

4. In these challenging times, the TPNW exemplifies not only the goal of a world free of nuclear weapons, but also a clear and practical pathway toward its attainment. The TPNW is underpinned by the recognition of the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons, and the realisation that they must be totally eliminated as a matter of the highest priority. Peace, security and sustainable development for all cannot be rendered subject to the existential threat posed by such abhorrent instruments of war and destruction. Malaysia unequivocally condemns any and all nuclear threats, whether explicit or implicit, and irrespective of the circumstances.

5. My delegation also reiterates that the TPNW is fully compatible with, and complementary to, the NPT and the broader nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime. The TPNW continues to gain steadily in momentum, with a current total of 73 States Parties, and the support of signatory States working towards ratification.

Mr. President,

6. The rich discourse in the TPNW's inter-sessional work, including the contributions of its Scientific Advisory Group, is testament to the political will and seriousness with which States Parties are advancing the Treaty. In this regard, Malaysia is pleased to have co-chaired, with New Zealand, the informal working group on Article 4, from December 2023 to the present Meeting. Together with TPNW States Parties, signatories and other relevant stakeholders, we are confident that the Treaty's active inter-sessional process will be sustained in the lead-up to the first Review Conference.

7. In closing, Malaysia reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the TPNW, and looks forward to our further deliberations this week, as we collectively strive to achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world.

Thank you.