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the 2025 Substantive Session of  
the United Nations Disarmament Commission

UN Conference 1

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**Thank you, Mr. Chairman,**  
**Distinguished Delegates,**

1. Allow me to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you, **Mr. Chairman**, on assuming the role of Chair for the Annual Substantive Session of the United Nations Disarmament Commission (UNDC). My delegation pledges our full support and cooperation throughout your mandate.
2. Cambodia aligns itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished representatives of Malaysia on behalf of ASEAN, and Indonesia on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM). In my national capacity, I would like to emphasize Cambodia's commitment to achieving a nuclear-weapon-free world.

**Mr. Chairman,**

3. We meet at a time when the international security landscape is increasingly fragile. Geopolitical rivalries, the continued threat posed by weapons of mass

destruction (WMD), and the rapid development of military technologies are undermining the global peace and stability we have long worked to uphold. These complex and transnational threats demand collective action and strengthened multilateralism.

4. **At the global stage**, Cambodia reaffirms its strong support for the global non-proliferation regime and stands in solidarity with all nations working to eliminate nuclear weapons and other WMDs. We call on all Member States to strengthen the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), as the cornerstone of our collective efforts and to seize the momentum ahead of the 2026 Review Conference to achieve meaningful and verifiable disarmament outcomes.
5. We also welcome the successful convening of the Third Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and look forward to contributing actively to its First Review Conference.

Cambodia remains a strong advocate for the Treaty's universalization and effective implementation.

6. We urge all remaining Annex 2 States to ratify the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) without delay.
7. **At the regional level**, Cambodia has long championed the Southeast Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ) and supports ongoing dialogue to ensure its full realization. We remain a party to the NPT, TPNW, CWC, BWC, and SEANWFZ and continue to uphold our obligations with commitment and transparency.

**Mr. Chairman,**

8. Cambodia closely follows the work of **Working Group II** on emerging technologies. We emphasize the need for responsible innovation, transparency, and capacity-building to ensure these technologies are harnessed for peace and do not exacerbate global insecurity.

9. **In conclusion**, Cambodia stands ready to work hand in hand with all Member States to build a safer, nuclear-weapon-free world, and reaffirms its full support for the work of **the UNDC** .

**Thank you, Mr. President!**