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On behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement

At the Thematic Debate of the First Committee

On Cluster 1: Nuclear Weapons

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Mr. Chairman,

1. I am privileged to speak on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.
2. In the view of NAM Member States and as clearly stated in the SSOD-I Final Document, nuclear weapons pose the greatest danger to mankind and to the survival of civilization and therefore effective measures of nuclear disarmament and the prevention of nuclear war have the highest priority.
3. In this connection, NAM stresses that while the final objective of the efforts of all States should continue to be general and complete disarmament under effective international control, the immediate goal is that of the elimination of the danger of a nuclear war through the total elimination of nuclear weapons.
4. In this regard NAM reaffirms the importance of the unanimous conclusion of the International Court of Justice that there exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and to bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control. The Movement therefore emphasizes the necessity to start negotiations without further delay on a phased programme for the complete elimination of nuclear weapons with a specified framework of time, including a Nuclear Weapons Convention.
5. In this context, the Movement expresses concern over the slow pace of progress towards nuclear disarmament and in this regard the lack of progress by the Nuclear-Weapon States to accomplish the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals in fulfilment of their relevant multilateral legal obligations and their unequivocal undertakings in 2000 and 2010.
6. NAM strongly calls upon the Nuclear-Weapon States (NWS) to fully comply with their legal obligations and undertakings to accomplish the total elimination of their nuclear weapons without further delay, and in a transparent, irreversible and internationally verifiable manner. In this regard, the Movement also calls on the NWS to immediately cease all their plans to further modernize, upgrade, refurbish, or extend the lives of their nuclear weapons and related facilities.
7. NAM reaffirms the importance of the application of the principles of transparency, irreversibility and international verifiability by NWS in all measures related to the fulfilment of their nuclear disarmament obligations.
8. The Movement remains deeply concerned by the strategic defence doctrines of the nuclear-weapon States and NATO's *Deterrence and Defence Posture Review* adopted at its Summit in May 2012 that set out the rationales for the use of nuclear weapons. NAM

strongly calls for the complete exclusion of the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons from their military doctrines.

9. NAM reaffirms that the total elimination of nuclear weapons is the only absolute guarantee against the use or threat of use of such weapons, and reaffirms further that all Non-Nuclear-Weapon States (NNWS) should be effectively assured by the NWS against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons. Pending the total elimination of nuclear weapons, NAM reaffirms the need for the conclusion of a universal legally binding instrument on unconditional negative security assurances to all NNWS, as a matter of high priority.
10. NAM emphasizes that progress in nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation in all its aspects is essential to strengthening international peace and security. The Movement underlines in this regard that the fulfilment of nuclear disarmament obligations should not be made conditional on confidence building measures or other disarmament efforts.

Mr. Chairman,

11. While welcoming the successful conclusion of the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 NPT Review Conference, the NAM States Parties to the Treaty call for the full implementation of the action plans adopted in 2010 on nuclear disarmament, nuclear non-proliferation, peaceful uses of nuclear energy, and the implementation of the 1995 resolution on the Middle-East. NAM States Parties to the NPT while noting with concern the lack of agreement on a number of their key priorities, including beginning negotiations on a Nuclear Weapons Convention and a universal legally binding instrument on unconditional Negative Security Assurances to all Non-Nuclear-Weapon States, express their determination to continue collective efforts in pursuing the realization of those priorities during the 2015 review process of the Treaty.
12. NAM States Parties to the NPT emphasize that the indefinite extension of the Treaty does not imply the indefinite possession by the nuclear-weapon States of their nuclear arsenals. Any such assumption is incompatible with the object and purpose, and the integrity of the Treaty, as well as with the broader objective of maintaining international peace and security.
13. NAM considers the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones as an important measure towards achieving global nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation objectives. In this regard NAM urges the conclusion of agreements, freely arrived at among the States of the region concerned, with a view to establishing new NWFZs in regions where they do not exist, taking into account the Final Document of the SSOD-I and the 1999

UNDC principles and guidelines. At the same time, NAM stresses that the establishment of such zones does not substitute legal obligation of the nuclear-weapon States for the total elimination of nuclear weapons.

14. NAM States Parties to the NPT urge the UN Secretary General and the co-sponsors of the 1995 Resolution, in consultation with the States of the region, to exert utmost efforts in ensuring the success of the Conference to be convened in 2012, to be attended by all States of the Middle East on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction. They stress the importance of the full implementation of all aspects of the agreed plan of action and the active and constructive engagement of all parties concerned to allow for the success of the conference in launching a regional negotiation process aimed at fully realizing the objectives of the 1995 resolution and the establishment of the zone.
15. In conclusion, NAM Member States stand ready to contribute effectively to any genuine international effort aimed at total elimination of nuclear weapons. In this context, NAM reiterates its firm commitment to work for convening a high level international conference to identify ways and means of eliminating nuclear weapons, at the earliest possible date, with the objective of an agreement on a phased programme for the complete elimination of nuclear weapons with a specified framework of time, to prohibit their development, production, acquisition, testing, stockpiling, transfer, use or threat of use, and to provide for their destruction.

Thank you. Mr. Chairman.