

Statement by Indonesia
on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)
Thematic cluster 7: Disarmament Machinery
First Committee

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Mr. Chairman,

1. I am honored to speak on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement in the thematic debate on Disarmament Machinery.
2. NAM views the First Committee as an essential component of the UN disarmament machinery, and remains committed to working to strengthening it.
3. NAM reaffirms the importance of the multilateral disarmament machinery consisting of the Conference on Disarmament as the sole multilateral disarmament negotiating body, UNDC as a universal deliberative body and subsidiary organ of the General Assembly, and the First Committee. The Group stresses the importance of preserving and strengthening the nature, role and purpose of each part of this machinery, including the First Committee. In the view of the Movement, in efforts to enhance the effectiveness of the UN disarmament machinery, it is important to recall its achievements, including the formulation of key legal instruments, resolutions, guidelines and other crucial documents.
4. NAM recognizes the need to enhance the effectiveness of the UN disarmament machinery. NAM notes that the main difficulty of the disarmament machinery lies in the lack of genuine political will by some States to achieve actual progress, including in particular on nuclear disarmament. On its part, the Movement stands ready to engage constructively in a comprehensive consideration of the UN disarmament agenda and the ways and means of revitalizing and enhancing its disarmament machinery. To that end, NAM reiterates its call for the convening of SSOD-IV.
5. It is high time that all countries work together, cooperate more, and bring to bear their respective political capital to revitalise this crucial machinery.

6. Therefore, promoting the work of the UN disarmament machinery requires a suitable political environment, taking into account the security interests of all States.
7. The Movement reaffirms the importance of the Conference on Disarmament (CD) as the sole multilateral negotiating body on disarmament, and reiterates its call on the CD to agree on a balanced and comprehensive program of work by, inter alia, establishing an ad hoc committee on nuclear disarmament as soon as possible and as the highest priority. The Movement 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.
8. The Movement notes the adoption of the Programme of Work for the 2009 Session (CD/1864) by the CD on 29 May 2009 which was not implemented and the draft decision on a Programme of Work for the 2012 Session (CD/1933/Rev.1) that was not adopted. The Movement also notes the schedule of Activities CD/WP.571/Rev.1, which is the basis of substantive discussion during the 2012 Session of the CD.
9. NAM recognizes the ongoing need for the United Nations to have an independent, impartial and objective research capacity on issues related to disarmament, with priority given to nuclear disarmament. In this regard, NAM notes the activities of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research.

Mr. Chairman,

10. NAM is presenting a draft decision L.58 “Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament”, and hopes that all Member States will support it.
11. NAM fully supports the convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament (SSOD IV), which would offer an opportunity to review from a perspective more in tune with the current international situation, the most critical aspects of the disarmament process and to mobilize the international community in favour of the elimination of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction and of the control and reduction of conventional weapons.
12. NAM supports the convening of an Open-ended Working Group to consider the objectives and agenda, including the possible establishment of the preparatory committee for the SSOD IV.
13. NAM is also presenting a draft resolution L.14 “United Nations regional centers for peace and disarmament”. The Movement calls on all Member States to support it.

14. NAM emphasizes the importance of UN activities at the regional level to increase the stability and security of its Member States, which could be promoted in a substantive manner by the maintenance and revitalization of the three regional centres for peace and disarmament.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.