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2020 Review Conference of the  
Treaty on the Non-Proliferation on Nuclear Weapons**

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Mr. Chairman,

1. I am honored to speak on behalf of the non-aligned States Parties to the Treaty.
2. First of all, allow me to congratulate you on your assumption as Chair and we assure you of our support throughout the process.
3. We are of the strong belief that the Treaty is an essential foundation for the pursuit of nuclear disarmament, and its full implementation would and should lead to the total elimination of all nuclear weapons.
4. The Group reaffirms its principled position on nuclear disarmament, which remains its highest priority. We also stress our deep concern at the threat to humanity posed by the continued existence of nuclear weapons and their possible use or threat of use.
5. The Movement believes that nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation are mutually reinforcing and are essential for strengthening international peace and security.
6. We stress that the purpose of the Treaty is not only about preventing non nuclear weapon States from acquiring nuclear weapons, but it is also about disarming nuclear weapon states. The extension of the Treaty does not imply the indefinite possession by the nuclear weapon States of their nuclear arsenals, and such assumption is incompatible with the objective and purpose of the Treaty.
7. The Group reiterates its call for the full implementation of the 13 practical steps for systematic and progressive efforts to implement Article VI of the Treaty, particularly an unequivocal undertaking by NWS to accomplish the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals leading to nuclear disarmament.

8. While underlining the importance of the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice that "the threat or use of nuclear weapons would generally be contrary to the rules of international law applicable in armed conflict, and in particular the principles and rules of humanitarian law," once again, we stress that the total elimination of nuclear weapons and a universal legally binding assurance that they will never be produced again is the only absolute guarantee against their use or threat of use.
9. The Group reaffirms the urgent need for conclusion of a universal, unconditional, non-discriminatory and legally binding instrument to effectively assure all non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons under any circumstances as a matter of high priority. We express concern that despite this long-standing request by non-nuclear-weapon States to receive such legally binding assurances no tangible progress has been achieved.
10. The Group stresses that reductions in deployments and in operational status, although they may contribute to risk reduction, cannot substitute for irreversible cuts in, and the total elimination of, nuclear weapons. Any such reductions are undermined by the modernization of nuclear weapons and their delivery systems, and related infrastructure by the nuclear-weapon States. Therefore, the nuclear-weapon States must immediately cease their plans to further invest in modernizing, upgrading, refurbishing or extending the lives of their nuclear weapons and related facilities.
11. We stress the significance of achieving universal adherence to the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), including by all NWS. If the objectives of the Treaty were to be fully realized, the continued commitment of all States signatories, especially the NWS, to nuclear disarmament would be essential.
12. Pending the CTBT's entry into force, we strongly call for the immediate and unconditional cessation of all nuclear weapon tests and complete prohibition of nuclear weapons research and development, putting an end to conducting nuclear weapon test explosions or any other nuclear explosions, or nuclear weapon tests in alternative ways, as well as the use of new technologies for upgrading existing nuclear weapons systems.

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13. We also express deep concern at the continued lack of progress in the implementation of nuclear disarmament obligations of the nuclear-weapon States under the Treaty and their unequivocal undertakings under the final documents of the successive Review Conferences of the Treaty since 1995. We call for the full, effective and urgent implementation of the obligation of nuclear disarmament under article VI of the Treaty, as well as the 1995 decision on "Principles and objectives for nuclear non-proliferation and

disarmament", the 13 practical steps agreed to in 2000, and action plan on nuclear disarmament adopted by the 2010 Review Conference.

14. One important measure is the adoption by the General Assembly of the resolutions on the "Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament," in which the Assembly called for the urgent commencement of negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament for the early conclusion of a comprehensive convention on nuclear weapons. In the said resolution, the Assembly also decided to convene, no later than 2018, a United Nations international conference on nuclear disarmament to review the progress made in this regard, as well as declared 26 September as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. We call for the full implementation of these resolutions, which provide a concrete pathway for realizing the objective of nuclear disarmament.
15. We also reiterate our call to the Conference on Disarmament to establish, as the highest priority, a subsidiary body to negotiate and conclude a comprehensive convention on nuclear weapons.
16. The display of political will is fundamental to an effective performance by the disarmament machinery, the Group urges all countries to work together, cooperate further and tangibly demonstrate their commitment to ensure that the disarmament machinery will once again unleash its potential to advance peace and security for the entire world.

Thank you.