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**on behalf of the Group of Member States of
the Non-Aligned Movement Parties to the
Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons**

on

**Cluster 1 Specific Issues:
Nuclear disarmament and security assurance**

**Second Session of the Preparatory Committee
for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the
Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons**

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Mr. Chairman,

1. I am honoured to speak on behalf of the Group of Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement Parties to the NPT.
2. Before proceeding, I would like to refer to the Working Papers presented by the Group, which detail its positions on the issues being considered under this cluster.
3. The Group reiterates that the total elimination of nuclear weapons is the only absolute guarantee against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons. The Group reaffirms the Movement's principled position on nuclear disarmament, which remains its highest priority, and on the related issue of nuclear non-proliferation in all its aspects and stresses the importance that efforts aiming at nuclear non-proliferation should be parallel to simultaneous efforts aiming at nuclear disarmament.
4. The Group expresses deep concern at the continued lack of progress in the field of nuclear disarmament, which could undermine the object and purpose of the Treaty, and remains concerned by the existence and continued deployment of tens of thousands of nuclear weapons, and the lack of transparency in the nuclear weapons programmes of Nuclear-Weapon States (NWS).
5. The Group underlines 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 Group deeply regrets the continued inflexible positions of some NWS that have prevented the Conference on Disarmament from establishing an ad hoc committee on nuclear disarmament. The Group emphasizes the necessity to start negotiations, without further delay, on a phased programme for the complete elimination of nuclear weapons, including a Nuclear Weapons Convention to prohibit their development, production, acquisition, testing, stockpiling, transfer, use or threat of use, and to provide for their destruction.
6. While noting reductions of nuclear weapons declared by some NWS, the Group stresses that any such reductions are undermined by the modernization of nuclear weapons, and their delivery systems, and related infrastructure by the NWS. In order to comply with their obligations under Article VI of the Treaty, as well as with their commitments under the 13 practical steps and 2010 Action Plan

on nuclear disarmament, the NWS must immediately cease their plans to further invest in modernizing, upgrading, refurbishing, or extending the lives of their nuclear weapons and related facilities.

7. The mere possession or any use or threat of use of nuclear weapons would be in violation of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the international law, in particular, international humanitarian law. Pending the total elimination of nuclear weapons, NWS shall seriously refrain, in any circumstances, from the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons against any non-nuclear-weapon States (NNWS) parties to the Treaty.

8. The Group underscores that the indefinite extension of the Treaty does not imply the indefinite possession by the NWS of their nuclear arsenals. Any assumption of indefinite possession of nuclear weapons is incompatible with the integrity and sustainability of the nuclear non-proliferation regime, both vertical and horizontal, and with the broader objective of maintaining international peace and security.

9. In this regard, the Group deplores the strategic doctrines of the NWS and the Strategic Concept for the Security of the NATO Members, which are based on the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons, and maintain unjustifiable concepts on international security based on promoting and developing military alliances and nuclear deterrence policies. The Group therefore strongly calls upon them to exclude completely the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons from their military and security doctrines.

10. The Group urges all NWS to fulfill, without further delay, their obligations under Article VI of the Treaty, as well as their unequivocal undertaking at the 2000 NPT Review Conference which has also been reaffirmed by the 2010 NPT Review Conference, to pursue nuclear disarmament in order to accomplish the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals.

11. The Group strongly calls for prompt and full implementation, by the NWS, of their undertakings under action (5) of the 2010 Review Conference “action plan on nuclear disarmament” to accelerate concrete progress on the steps leading to nuclear disarmament, inter alia, through rapidly moving towards an overall reduction in the global stockpile of all types of nuclear weapons and diminishing their role and significance in all military and security concepts, doctrines and policies. The Group further calls upon NWS to submit comprehensive substantive

reports about measures undertaken to fulfill those commitments in order to enable the 2015 Review Conference to take stock and consider the next steps for the full implementation of Article VI.

12. While recalling the Statement on the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons adopted by the XVI Ministerial Conference of the Movement in Bali, Indonesia, in May 2011, the Group 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.

13. The Group attaches great importance to international efforts and initiatives aimed at the total elimination of nuclear weapons. In this context, the Group emphasizes the importance of the High-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament, to be held on 26 September 2013, and encourages all Member States to participate in this important meeting at the highest level. The Movement looks forward to constructive deliberations to contribute to achieving the goal of the total elimination of nuclear weapons.

14. The Group notes the unilateral statements by each of the NWS, in which they give very limited, conditional and insufficient “security assurances” against the use of nuclear weapons to NNWS parties to the Treaty. Such unilateral statements fail to meet any of the requirements of a universal legally binding instrument on effective, unconditional, non-discriminatory and irrevocable security assurances to all NNWS parties to the Treaty against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

15. The Group stresses that efforts to conclude a universal legally binding instrument on negative security assurances should be pursued as a matter of priority and should be materialised without any further delay.

16. The Group reiterates its call for the establishment of a subsidiary body for further work to consider conclusion of a legally binding international instrument on effective, unconditional, irrevocable and non-discriminatory negative security assurances by the five NWS to all NNWS parties to the Treaty.

Thank you. Mr. Chairman.