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Mr. Chairman,

1. I am pleased to speak on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.
2. While noting that considerable progress has been made in developing and applying the latest information technologies and means of telecommunication, the Movement is concerned that these technologies and means can potentially be used for purposes that are inconsistent with the objectives of maintaining international stability and security and may adversely affect the integrity of the infrastructure of States to the detriment of their security in both civil and military fields.
3. While taking into account the ongoing efforts within the United Nations, NAM calls upon Member States to further promote at multilateral levels the consideration of existing and potential threats in the field of information security, as well as possible strategies to address the threats emerging in this field.
4. The Movement emphasizes that these technologies and means should be utilized by Member States in a manner consistent with international law and the principles and purposes of the UN Charter. In this regard, NAM calls for the intensification of efforts towards safeguarding cyberspace from becoming an arena of conflict, and ensuring instead the exclusive peaceful uses which would enable the full realization of the potential of ICTs for contributing to social and economic development. The Movement further highlights the central role of governments in areas related to public policy aspects of ICT security.

Mr. Chairman,

5. Reaffirming the absolute validity of multilateral diplomacy in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation, NAM reiterates its determination to promote multilateralism as the core principle of negotiations in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation. Against this background, the Movement will once again table a draft resolution entitled "Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation" (L.39).

Mr. Chairman,

6. The Movement emphasizes the importance of the observance of environmental norms in the preparation and implementation of disarmament and arms limitation agreements. In this context, this year, the Movement will table an updated resolution on "Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control" (L.41);
7. Furthermore, the Movement reaffirms that international disarmament forums should take fully into account the relevant environmental norms in negotiating treaties and agreements on disarmament and arms limitation and that all States, through their actions, should contribute fully to ensuring compliance with the aforementioned norms in the implementation of treaties and conventions to which they are parties.

Mr. Chairman,

8. NAM welcomes the adoption without a vote of General Assembly Resolution 68/37 on the relationship between disarmament and development, and will table a draft resolution on the matter once again this year (L.42).

9. In this context, the Movement expresses concern at the increasing global military expenditure, which could otherwise be spent on development needs. The Movement further stresses the importance of the reduction of military expenditures, in accordance with the principle of undiminished security at the lowest level of armaments, and urge all States to devote resources made available from there to economic and social development, in particular in the fight against poverty.
10. NAM expresses firm support for the unilateral, bilateral, regional and multilateral measures aimed at reducing military expenditures, thereby contributing to strengthening regional and international peace and security and recognized that confidence building measures assisted in this regard.

Mr. Chairman,

11. Taking into consideration the possible harmful effects to human health and the environment, caused by the use of weapons and munitions containing depleted uranium, the Movement will also table a draft resolution on the "Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium" (L.43.)
12. The Movement seeks the support of all Member States to vote in favor of the aforementioned draft resolution.

Thank you.