



**Statement by  
Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia**

**on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement State Parties to the NPT**

**at the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2020  
Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-  
Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons**

**Cluster 1**

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Mr. Chairman,

1. I am honored to speak on behalf of the non-aligned States Parties to the Treaty.
2. The Group's detailed positions under this cluster are reflected in the Working Papers presented to this meeting.
3. The Group reaffirms its principled positions on nuclear disarmament, which remains its highest priority, and on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons in all its aspects. We express concern at the threat to humanity posed by the continued existence of nuclear weapons and of their possible use or threat of use. We stress the importance of ensuring that efforts aimed at nuclear non-proliferation are parallel to simultaneous efforts aimed at nuclear disarmament.
4. We reaffirm the importance of the unanimous conclusion of the ICJ 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. We call upon the Nuclear Weapon States to fulfill their multilateral legal obligations on nuclear disarmament and to implement the unequivocal undertaking they provided in 2000 and further reiterated in 2010 so as to accomplish the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals leading to nuclear disarmament.
5. The Group reaffirms that the total elimination of nuclear weapons is the only absolute guarantee against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons. Pending the total elimination of nuclear weapons, we call for the early commencement of negotiations on effective, universal, unconditional, non-discriminatory, irrevocable and legally binding security assurances to all NNWS by all the nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons under all circumstances as a matter of high priority.

6. We take note of the adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons on 7 July 2017 at the United Nations conference to negotiate a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination. It is hoped that when entered into force, the Treaty would contribute to furthering the objective of the total elimination of nuclear weapons.
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 which was also reaffirmed by the 2010 Review Conference.
8. The Group also stresses that reductions in deployments and in operational status cannot substitute for irreversible cuts in, and the total elimination of, nuclear weapons and, accordingly, calls on the nuclear-weapon States to apply the principles of transparency, irreversibility and international verifiability to all such cuts, to further reduce their nuclear arsenals, both warheads and delivery systems, thus contributing to the fulfillment of their nuclear disarmament obligations and facilitating the realization of a world free of nuclear weapons at the earliest date.
9. 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.
10. The Group notes with grave concern the current extensive investment, by the nuclear-weapon States, on modernization of their nuclear forces and developing more effective and newer, including low-yield nuclear warheads, which, by increasing the role of these inhumane weapons in their military doctrines, lowers the threshold for the actual use of nuclear weapons. The Group strongly calls for

putting an immediate end to this trend that in fact is a new nuclear-arms race and thus a clear violation of article VI of the Treaty.

11. The Group firmly believes that any use or threat of use of nuclear weapons would be a crime against humanity and a violation of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international law, in particular international humanitarian law. The Group further believes that the mere possession of nuclear weapons is inconsistent with the principles of international humanitarian law.

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12. The Group stresses once again that the indefinite extension of the Treaty does not imply the indefinite possession of nuclear arsenals. Any such assumption is incompatible with the object and purpose of the Treaty. It strongly calls for the implementation of article VI of the Treaty. This is an explicit legal obligation of all the Parties and its implementation is neither optional nor conditional.
13. The Group stresses the urgent necessity of negotiating and bringing to a conclusion, a comprehensive convention on nuclear weapons, containing also a phased program for the complete elimination of nuclear weapons with a specified time frame.
14. Stressing that 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. It is obvious in this context that nothing is more urgent than effective measures towards the total elimination of all nuclear weapons.

Thank you.