Mr. Chairperson,

Let me begin, Mr. Chairperson, by expressing my delegation's appreciation for your efforts and able leadership and to assure you and the Bureau of my delegation’s support and cooperation. Indonesia fully aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Mr. Chairperson,

Indonesia puts nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation as a high priority. As long as nuclear weapons exist, the risk of their detonation, whether by accident, miscalculation or design remains unacceptably high. The three international conferences on the humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons convened respectively by Norway in March 2013, Mexico in February 2014 and Austria in December 2014 have provided us with compelling evidence and findings on the grave humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons. The evidence and findings presented in the course of humanitarian conferences should be the catalyst for all States' renewed commitment to the urgent and full implementation of existing obligations under article VI of the NPT.

The slow progress on nuclear disarmament is disheartening. 71 years following the creation of the United Nations, Nuclear weapons remain as the only weapons of mass destruction that is yet to be universally and comprehensively prohibited. Under the NPT, the prohibition to possess nuclear weapons only applies to non-nuclear weapons states with nuclear weapons states being exempted from this obligation. This exemption, however, has never been intended to go on indefinitely. As concluded by the International Court of Justice in its 1996 Advisory Opinion, under Article VI of the NPT, there exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to conclusion the negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control.

Mr. Chairperson,

Indonesia remains concerned with the security doctrines of some states that still rely on nuclear weapons. We are of the view that reliance on nuclear weapons in security doctrines is inconsistent with legal obligation and commitments on nuclear disarmament. We therefore would like to call on states to abandon the possibility of use of nuclear weapons in their security doctrines.

We are particularly concerned with modernization programs of nuclear weapons. We fail to see how these modernization programs would fit in Nuclear Weapon States’ commitment in nuclear disarmament. We are yet to be convinced how these modernization programs would contribute to nuclear disarmament efforts.
Mr. Chairperson,

As highlighted by my delegation during the general debate, Indonesia welcomes the final report of the Open-ended Working Group on taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations. During the process of the OEWG, it was undeniably clear that the majority of states support the negotiation to be convened in 2017 of a treaty prohibiting nuclear weapons. It was stated by some delegations during the OEWG, that treaty prohibiting nuclear weapons would undermine the NPT. Indonesia rejects this notion. We do not see how this proposed treaty could undermine the NPT.

We are strong in our conviction that treaty prohibiting nuclear weapons would most certainly strengthen the NPT. Treaty prohibiting nuclear weapons would categorically and universally prohibit nuclear weapons and would therefore unarguably contribute positively to nuclear disarmament.

Underpinned by our strong conviction of the contribution of the proposed treaty prohibiting nuclear weapons would provide to nuclear disarmament, Indonesia, has decided to co-sponsor draft resolution “taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations” and in this juncture would like to invite all States to support this draft resolution and to consider co-sponsorship.

Mr. Chairperson,

Progress in nuclear disarmament is unacceptably slow. Indonesia believes that pursuing nuclear disarmament would inevitably contribute to non-proliferation. States need to redouble their efforts to achieve the shared goal of a nuclear free world. This is high time for all states to show their good faith in nuclear disarmament.

I thank you Mr. Chairperson.