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Mr. Bolot Kulmatov
Deputy Permanent Representative of the Kyrgyz Republic
to the United Nations
at the General Debates
in the First Committee of the 74th session
of the UN General Assembly
Mr. Chairman,

First of all, allow me to congratulate you on the election to this high position and wish you success in your endeavors and promise you the full support of our delegation.

Dear colleagues!

Today we are witnessing the destruction of the existing nuclear arms control system, which is a dangerous trend for all mankind. In this regard, it is very important to begin the process of establishing a new arms control system. It seems important to continue to strengthen cooperation among all countries in ensuring regional and international peace and security, including the possibility of establishing effective mechanisms for their joint cooperation.

In this regard, the First Committee faces a number of very important tasks, the solution of which will ensure peace and stability throughout the world.

Mr. Chairman!

Commitment to the policy of disarmament and prevention of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction is one of the fundamental principles of the foreign policy of the Kyrgyz Republic. As an active supporter of the idea of a nuclear-weapon-free world, the Kyrgyz Republic has become one of the initiators and depositary of the Treaty on a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia. We strongly believe that creation of nuclear-weapon-free zones based on agreements voluntarily concluded between the states of the region represents an important step towards strengthening the nuclear non-proliferation regime and contributes to the achievement of general and complete disarmament.

Our region is a prime example of strengthening regional and global security in the field of non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and disarmament. We consider the strengthening of the international nuclear non-proliferation regime and its foundation - the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, as the most important goal.

The Kyrgyz Republic considers the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty to be one of the most fundamental and effective international instruments in the area of nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation. In spite of significant progress towards its acceptance, however, the Treaty still has not entered into force. In this regard we call upon all governments to ratify the Treaty at the earliest possible date.

Kyrgyzstan looks forward for the revitalization of the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, which continues to make little progress in its work, thus delaying negotiations on a number key issues like nuclear disarmament, fissile
material cutoff treaty, prevention of an arms race in outer space, negative security assurances. We encourage all states to demonstrate the necessary political will so the disarmament machinery fulfills its mandate.

My delegation regards international safeguards and physical protection of nuclear materials and facilities as the first line of defense against nuclear terrorism. As such, Kyrgyzstan strongly endorses the International Atomic Energy Agency's efforts to strengthen the international safeguards system. We also support efforts to implement United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 in order to address the proliferation challenges posed by non-state actors. Let me also inform you that on May 3, 2019, delegations of Belarus, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan made joint presentation in the UN SC 1540 Committee regarding a Peer Review on Implementation of UNSC Resolution 1540 among our countries.

Kyrgyzstan firmly supports the importance and urgency of the prevention of an arms race in outer space and promotion of its use for peaceful purposes only.

We reaffirm the central role of the United Nations in the field of disarmament. We note the continued importance and significance of the multilateral disarmament mechanism, as well as the contribution of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, academia, and the media, in this area.

The Kyrgyz Republic is deeply convinced that only through joint efforts progress can be made in resolving existing obstacles and problems in achieving the common security objectives of our States.

Mr. Chairman,

The delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic will support the work under your leadership on the current issues.

I thank you.