Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

I align my statement with the statement delivered by Indonesia on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement and I wish to make the following points in my national capacity:

My delegation reaffirms its principled position that universal peace and security can only be ensured through a time-bound, general and complete disarmament of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction.

We reemphasize that the use or threat of the use of nuclear weapons is not only illegal but also immoral. It is our belief that the total elimination of nuclear weapons is the only guarantee against the use or threat of the use of nuclear weapons. We also call for the reduction of reliance on the nuclear doctrine in national security.

Nepal reiterates its deep concern at the catastrophic humanitarian and environmental consequences of the intended or accidental detonation of nuclear weapons and their indiscriminate impacts.

We join the call for providing necessary security assurances by the nuclear-weapon states to the non-nuclear weapon states. We also call for an early conclusion of a universal legally binding instrument on effective, unconditional, non-discriminatory and irrevocable security assurances.
Mr. Chairman,

Nepal has been historically committed to world peace as reflected on our becoming party of Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty as early as in 1970 and subsequently to Chemical Weapons Convention and Biological Weapons Convention. Moreover, we are also signatory to Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and Nuclear Weapons Prohibition Treaty. Ratification process of both of these treaties is being initiated with due priority.

Nepal considers all these treaties as complementary and mutually reinforcing treaties since they give humanity hope for a peaceful, secure and stable world.

Nepal also looks forward to the 2020 Review Conference of NPT.

In line with our commitment to global peace and denuclearization, we firmly believe that Nuclear Science and Technology should only be used for the peaceful purposes within recognized safeguard frameworks.

Nepal also stresses the inalienable right of all States to the peaceful uses of nuclear energy as well as calls for nuclear knowledge sharing and the transfer of nuclear technology in particular to the least developed countries.

Nepal reaffirms the contribution of nuclear-weapon-free zones in the global non-proliferation regime for enhancing global and regional peace and security. It also welcomes the convening of a high-level conference on the Middle East zone free of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction later this year.

We acknowledge and commend the work of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which continues to play an important role in support of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

In conclusion, Mr. Chair, my delegation urges for an end to heavy investments on modernization, trading, and accumulation of armaments. My delegation also urges for disenchantment with the Faustian bargain that is plaguing humanity. If diverted to social and humanitarian causes, these resources could help attain many of the SDGs, including eradication of poverty and hunger, well before 2030 and improve the quality of life of all humanity.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.