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Cluster 1: non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, disarmament and international peace and security

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Mr. Chairman,

Indonesia associates itself with the statement on Cluster 1 issues made earlier by the Group of Non-Aligned Movement States Parties to the NPT and its relevant working papers.

Indonesia has been a strong advocate of a balanced progress in all three pillars of upon which the Treaty is founded. However, it is disheartening to follow that the volatility in global security environment continues to be the reason for nuclear-weapon states to cling to their weapons of mass destruction.

Indonesia is gravely concerned that the real threat of nuclear arms race re-emerges and, as the result, nuclear disarmament remains elusive. We believe, that this situation is a dire threat against humanity, a violation of international humanitarian law and the UN Charter.

Indonesia strongly believes that multilateralism is the best way to sustainably achieve nuclear disarmament and address international security issues.

It is in this believe that Indonesia supports the Treaty on the Prohibitions of Nuclear Weapons on July 7th, 2017. It is unfortunate that nuclear weapons States and some other states still express their unwillingness to welcome and join the Treaty.

Mr. Chairman,

The fulfillment of disarmament obligations under Article VI of the Treaty does not show any promising progress so far. Nuclear weapon states have not fully and systematic implemented the 13 practical steps in the manner that was agreed to at the 2000 Review Conference.

Indonesia, therefore, calls for the full and urgent implementation of the action plans adopted at the 2010 NPT Review Conference on nuclear disarmament, the 1995 decision on Principles and objectives for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, the 13 practical steps agreed to in 2000, as well as the fulfilment of obligation under Article VI of the Treaty.

Mr. Chairman,

Indonesia welcomes the initiatives by nuclear weapon states on disarmament through unilateral, bilateral or regional arrangements. However, to be credible they are need to be verifiable and transparent.

In this regard, we join other state parties to reiterate that nuclear disarmament must be complete, verifiable and irreversible. To this end, we reaffirm the role of the International Atomic Energy Agency. Indonesia has full confidence on IAEA, as a
credible and capable organization in safeguarding nuclear disarmament, for their impartiality and professionalism.

Mr. Chairman,

Pending the CTBT’s entry into force, we strongly call for the immediate and unconditional cessation of all nuclear weapon tests, including the use of alternative ways, as well as any attempt to upgrade, modernize, or advance modern technologies for the existing nuclear weapon system and its delivery, be it strategic or non-strategic, deployed or non-deployed.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, we wish that this session of the Preparatory Committee, under your able leadership, would be able to provide a robust foundation for us to advance the cause of international peace and security, as well as to strike a balance between non-proliferation and disarmament pillar of the treaty.

Thank you.