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Mr. Chairman,

Viet Nam associates itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of Indonesia on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) in this Cluster discussion.

Any use of nuclear weapons, either intentionally or by accident, will have devastating consequences to international peace and security, humanitarian impact, the environment and the very existence of humankind.

After 50 years of the NPT, nuclear weapons still exist in abundance, with nearly 15,000 warheads, aside from a huge amount of fissile material capable of making ten times more of such weapons. Implementation of Article VI by the nuclear-weapons States is still sluggish, compared to that of the non-proliferation pillar of the NPT.

Mr. Chairman,

As a meaningful contribution to the NPT review process, in our view, the nuclear-weapons States should urgently take the following measures:

First, resuming negotiations on nuclear disarmament, cutting down the number of existing nuclear weapons and fulfilling their obligations under Article VI of the NPT and other commitments under the NPT reviews, including the 2010 Action Plan.
Second, providing negative security assurances to non-nuclear-weapons States, especially when non-nuclear weapons states have fulfilled their obligations under the NPT.

Third, building mutual trust and confidence among the nuclear-weapons States, and with other non-nuclear-weapons states, so that both mutual security and national security will be assured.

Last but not least, Mr. Chairman, we welcome the commitments of 70 signatory states, including 23 ratifying states up to date, to the Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). We call for the others to speed up their ratification to bring it into force and others to accede to the Treaty.

I thank you Mr. Chairman./.