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On The Draft Resolution On Non Proliferation**

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Mr. President,

At the outset, I would like to express my delegation's gratitude for calling for and convening this general debate. I would also like to extend my delegations appreciation to the co-sponsors of the Draft Resolution for the consultations that they have conducted with the broader membership of the United Nations. My delegation associates itself with the Position taken by the Non Aligned movement.

Mr. President,

My Country acknowledges the fact that the potential and possibility of acquisition of Weapons of Mass Destruction and their related materials by non-state actors is a clear and present danger and an imminent threat to International Peace and Security. We realize that there is a gap in the existing treaty regime that regulates the issue of non proliferation that needs to be addressed and attended to in order to devise effective means and measures that would bring non state actors under the ambit of the multilateral non proliferation regime and ensure that the multilateral effort aimed at achieving non proliferation is effectively extended to guarantee that WMD and their related materials does not end up in the possession of non state actors and possibly terrorists.

In spite of our belief that the best approach that we should adopt to address this matter is by exerting efforts to engage in an intensive multilateral negotiation process aiming at developing an international instrument that regulates and addresses this problem, we still feel that owing to the urgency of the threat that the current gap poses, a measured intervention by the Security Council would be both necessary and appropriate.

Mr. President,

My country believes, however that such a measured intervention by the Council should take into consideration that the most effective watertight measure that would completely fend of the possibility of rendering

WMD's and their related material in the hands of non state actors is to achieve the long awaited objective of achieving total Nuclear disarmament. We feel that any action taken by the Council should take this reality into consideration. Additionally, we believe that the anticipated action by the Council should ensure that the existing treaty regime is not in any way undermined, amended or altered by such an action. We also believe that the value, validity and binding effect of any anticipated resolution that is to be taken by the Council on this matter will not be compromised if such a resolution is not adopted under chapter VII as all Council resolutions are binding in accordance with Article 25 of the United Nations Charter.

Mr. President,

We urge the Council to exert every possible effort to further clarify in the anticipated resolution the work dynamics for the envisaged follow up mechanism in a manner that is realistic and effective and that takes into consideration the reality that for states to effectively cooperate with the requirements of the resolution, they will need significant assistance and sufficient time to do so. We also call on the Council members to provide more clarity for certain terms and definitions contained in the draft resolution to facilitate the task of states.

Thank you.