STATEMENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA DURING THE HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON THE TOTAL ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS,
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President of the General Assembly;
Secretary General;
Excellencies Heads of State, Government and Delegation;
Ladies and Gentlemen.

I wish to join previous speakers in congratulating you and your Bureau for presiding over this High Level Meeting on the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. I assure you my delegation’s full support and cooperation as you discharge your noble duties.

Mr. President,

Once again, we are gathered to commemorate this very important day which provides us with the opportunity to renew our commitments towards the total elimination of the nuclear weapons.

Without further ado, Tanzania welcomes the entry into force of the treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons (TPNW) on 22 January 2021. Indeed it is a big milestone to see in a human history nuclear weapons are legally banned in all manners. We congratulate all members for this achievement in which we believe it will bear the fruit we want.

Mr. President,

As you might be aware, in 2019 during on the same high level Tanzania became a signatory to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. I wish to inform that, the ratification process is underway. We encourage other members of the United Nations who are not yet part or signatories to the
TPNW, to find a way to do so. We need the efforts of all members to achieve the total elimination of nuclear weapons and to do so we need to build up the confidence and trust among ourselves.

*Mr. President,*

I wish to underscore the important job that is being done by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in promoting the peaceful and safety use of nuclear energy. The IAEA safeguards and verification a measure continues to be of the paramount and its contribution in nuclear disarmament cannot be disregarded. On that endeavor, Tanzania will continue to adhere to all the measures settled by the IAEA and we encourage other states to do the same in a good faith.

*Mr. President,*

Lastly, as we seat here today, it should click in our head that we owe the future generation the world in which nuclear weapons do not exist. We should focus to ensure they do not suffer over nuclear weapons for the decisions that we fail to make today. That being said, Mr. President, I reaffirm my country’s support in efforts that are geared in total elimination of nuclear weapons and promotion of peaceful use of nuclear energy.

*I thank you for your kind attention!*