Mr. President,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Group of the Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty of the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

The Group would like to express its appreciations to you and your Team for the hard work to produce the draft outcome document.

The Group considers that the final document of the Review Conference to be of utmost importance as it will contribute to the promotion of full, effective, implementation of the NPT.

The Group expresses its disappointment over the failure of this Review Conference in producing a consensual outcome document.

The Group would like to emphasize that the Treaty is an essential foundation for the pursuit of nuclear disarmament and the key instrument in the efforts to halt the vertical and horizontal proliferation of nuclear weapons.

The Group has extended constructive engagement through statements, proposals and 9 Working Papers. The Group welcomes the fact that some of the proposals and concerns were reflected in the draft outcome document. At the same time, we deeply regret that many key concerns and proposals are not included.

Furthermore, the Group expresses its dissatisfaction on the lack of progress in the implementation of nuclear disarmament obligations by the Nuclear Weapon States. We support the immediate commencement of negotiations on a comprehensive convention on nuclear weapons in the Conference on Disarmament as soon as possible.

The Group reiterates its call on States Parties to waive any measures aiming at hampering, fully or partly, the fullest exercise of the inalienable rights under article IV of the Treaty which would seriously jeopardize the delicate balance between the rights and obligations of the States parties, in contravention with the Treaty's object and purpose.

The Group stresses on the inviolability of peaceful nuclear activities and that any attack or threat of attack against peaceful nuclear facilities should be condemned and prohibited.

In this conjunction, the Group of the Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty would like to emphasize the continued validity of our principled position and calls for the full implementation of all commitments and the unequivocal undertakings assumed by the Nuclear-Weapons States, at the 1995 Review and Extension Conference and the 2000 and 2010 Review Conferences of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, to accomplish the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals leading to nuclear disarmament.
The Group reiterates the need for accountability of the nuclear weapon States through benchmarks, concrete, measurable, timebound actions on nuclear disarmament with established deadlines, and reporting their implementation of this obligation to the Review Conference until the goal of total elimination is achieved, in a structured manner that allows Non-Nuclear Weapon States to engage constructively on their reports.

The growing interest of State parties in all the peaceful uses of nuclear energy is a legitimate right under article IV of the Treaty, and should not be used as grounds to impose additional restrictions on those States under the pretext of proliferation prevention. With that being said, the Group wishes to commend the increased focus that the final document has placed on the link between the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and the sustainable development goals.

The Group emphasizes the need to advance further in the field of arms regulation, non-proliferation and disarmament on the basis of universal, multilateral, non-discriminatory and transparent negotiations with the goal of reaching general and complete disarmament under strict international control.

Creating an environment that is conducive, maintaining trust and confidence among States, as well as ensuring constructive engagement of all State parties, would help for the success of the Review process.

To conclude, the Group stands ready to engage in the future discussions and negotiations in a constructive, transparent, and inclusive manner, involving all States Parties, to achieve consensus.

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