STATEMENT

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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 delegation's 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 water-tight measure that would completely fend off the possibility of readdressing
We must do more to ensure that nuclear arms are completely eliminated. As we wait for the draft resolution, we should encourage the Council to consider a resolution that is based on the existing nuclear non-proliferation treaty. We suggest that the resolution be based on Article 25 of the United Nations Charter, which provides that the Council should act to maintain international peace and security.

We also urge the Council to consider the resolution that is being discussed at today’s meeting. This resolution is based on the United Nations Charter and the Non-Proliferation Treaty. We believe that this resolution is consistent with the principles of the United Nations Charter and will help to achieve the goal of nuclear disarmament.

Thank you.