Statement

By

His Excellency Mr. Raphael Nakare Diyando, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Namibia to the IAEA, at the First Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of the Namibian Delegation, let me add my voice to those delegations that have congratulated you on your election to chair the First Preparatory Committee meeting on Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT), and assure you of my Delegation’s full cooperation in ensuring its success.

Namibia wishes to associate itself with the statement made by the distinguished delegate of Egypt on behalf of the NAM State Parties to the Treaty.
According to the Treaty, all Parties undertake not to acquire and possess nuclear explosive devices and prevent the stationing of such on their territories. The Treaty also prohibits nuclear testing, the dumping of radioactive waste and emphasizes the safety of nuclear installations, as a means of strengthening the international non-proliferation regime, promoting co-operation in the peaceful use of nuclear technology as well as the promotion of general and complete disarmament in order to enhance regional and international peace and security.

Mr Chairman,

As a State Party to the Non-Proliferation (NPT) Treaty, Namibia fully subscribes to the principles of nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation and peaceful application of nuclear science and technology. Taking into consideration the three pillars of the NPT, Namibia fully concurs that the three pillars are mutually binding instruments of the Non Proliferation Treaty.

Namibia attaches great importance to the provision of the NPT relating to the inalienable right of all Parties to the Treaty to research, develop and use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination and in conformity with Article I and II of the Treaty.

Namibia further reaffirms that Multilateral setting through the NPT provides security for all Nuclear Weapons States and Non-Nuclear Weapons States, and that all State Parties, specially Nuclear Weapons States, have a special responsibility to disarm and prevent the spread of nuclear weapons while at the same time contributing to the promotion of peaceful applications of nuclear technology.

Namibia also recognizes that energy security is important to promote sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals. Therefore the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) also has an important role to play in assisting with the development of effective programmes aimed at improving
the technical and regulatory capabilities in NPT States for the peaceful uses of nuclear technology.

In order to strengthen its nuclear safety and security regime and effectively implement its international obligations in respect of the NPT Treaty, Namibia has embarked on the development of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle Policy.

Mr Chairman,

Namibia undertakes to abide by the principles articulated in the international legal instruments that promote the disarmament, safeguarding of nuclear material and facilities and peaceful application in nuclear energy. This undertaking is demonstrated by the recent ratification of the Additional Protocol and Pelindaba treaty and calling for a nuclear free zone in Africa.

Namibia is fully committed to the 2010 conference action plan in order to contribute to the three pillars of the NPT. In conclusion let me reaffirm my delegation cooperation and support during this meeting.

I thank you, Mr Chairman.