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Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

on

Cluster 1 Issues: Implementation of the provisions of
the Treaty relating to non-proliferation of nuclear weapons,
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Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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Mr. Chairman,

1. I am honoured to speak on behalf of the Group of Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement Parties to the NPT.

2. The Group’s detailed positions on the issues under this cluster are reflected in its working papers presented to the meeting.

3. The Group reaffirms the Movement’s principled positions on nuclear disarmament, which remains its highest priority, and on the related issue of nuclear non-proliferation in all its aspects and stresses the importance that efforts aiming at nuclear non-proliferation should be parallel to simultaneous efforts aiming at nuclear disarmament.

4. The Group remains deeply concerned by the strategic security doctrines of the nuclear-weapons States (NWS) and the Strategic Concept for the Security of the NATO members, which justify the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons, and maintains unacceptable concepts on international security based on promoting and developing military alliances and nuclear deterrence policies. The Group therefore strongly calls upon them to exclude completely the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons from their military and security doctrines.

5. The Group underscores the importance of and urges all States parties for the effective and non-discriminatory implementation of all obligations under the Treaty related to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, as well as fulfilling, entirely and in good faith, the undertakings assumed through the decisions, resolutions, final documents and plans of action of the 1995, 2000 and 2010 NPT Review Conferences which is necessary for preserving and enhancing its relevance, credibility and effectiveness.

6. The Group reiterates its strong call for prompt and full implementation of the unequivocal undertaking given by the NWS at the 2000 Review Conference to accomplish the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals leading to nuclear disarmament, which has also been reaffirmed by the 2010 Review Conference as well as the 2010 Review Conference “action plan on nuclear disarmament”. The Group further calls upon the NWS to submit comprehensive substantive reports on their undertakings under action (5) of that action plan in order to enable the 2015 Review Conference to take stock and consider the next steps for the full implementation of Article VI.

7. The Group remains deeply concerned by the lack of progress to achieve the total elimination of nuclear weapons despite some reports of bilateral and unilateral
reductions. The Group stresses that reductions in deployments and in operational status cannot substitute for irreversible cuts in, and the total elimination of nuclear weapons.

8. The Group believes that the development and qualitative improvement of nuclear weapons and the development of advanced new types of nuclear weapons and new targeting options to serve aggressive counter-proliferation purposes, as well as the lack of progress in excluding the role of nuclear weapons in security policies of NWS further undermine nuclear disarmament commitments.

9. The Group emphasizes that the indefinite extension of the Treaty does not imply the indefinite possession by the NWS of their nuclear arsenals and considers, in that regard, that any assumption of indefinite possession of nuclear weapons is incompatible with the integrity and sustainability of the nuclear non-proliferation regime, both vertical and horizontal, and with the broader objective of maintaining international peace and security.

10. The Group expresses deep concern at the continued lack of progress in the field of nuclear disarmament, which could undermine the object and purpose of the Treaty, as well as at the continued inflexible postures of some NWS that have prevented the Conference on Disarmament from establishing an ad hoc committee on nuclear disarmament.

11. The Group firmly believes that the mere possession or any use or threat of use of nuclear weapons would be in violation of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the international law, in particular, international humanitarian law.

12. The Group stresses the need for starting negotiations on a phased programme for the complete elimination of nuclear weapons, including a Nuclear Weapons Convention to prohibit their development, production, acquisition, testing, stockpiling, transfer, use or threat of use, and to provide for their destruction, without further delay.

13. The Group also is of the view that, pending the total elimination of nuclear weapons, as the only absolute guarantee against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons, all NWS shall refrain, at any circumstances, from the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons against NNWS Parties to the Treaty. In this connection, the Group strongly calls for the urgent conclusion of a universal legally binding instrument on effective, unconditional, non-discriminatory and irrevocable security
assurances by all NWS to all NNWS parties to the Treaty against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

14. The Group also reiterates its call for the establishment, as a matter of priority, of a subsidiary body on nuclear disarmament in the Main Committee I mandated to focus on the issue of fulfillment of obligations under Article VI of the Treaty and on further practical measures required to achieve progress in that regard.

15. In this context, the Group emphasizes the importance of the High-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament, to be held on 26 September 2013, and encourages all Member States to participate in this important meeting at the highest level. The Movement looks forward to constructive deliberations to contribute to achieving the goal of the total elimination of nuclear weapons.

16. The Group also reiterates its firm commitment to work for convening a high level international conference to identify ways and means of eliminating nuclear weapons, at the earliest possible date, with the objective of an agreement on a phased programme for the complete elimination of nuclear weapons with a specified framework of time, to prohibit their development, production, acquisition, testing, stockpiling, transfer, use or threat of use, and to provide for their destruction.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.