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the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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Mr. Chairman,

First and foremost, Indonesia wishes to congratulate you on the successful convening of the First Preparatory Committee meeting, and expresses its gratitude to you and all members of your team, for your leadership throughout the meeting.

Correspondingly, Indonesia would also like to thank the UNODA for its work in organizing the meetings and documentations, as well as in assisting delegations.

Mr. Chairman,

Indonesia appreciates efforts that has been made in producing the Chairman’s factual summary which reflects recommendations made by States, for possible consideration and adoption at the NPT Review Conference in 2020, which we consider to be balanced. Nevertheless, we would like to make a number of observations in our national capacity on issues that we consider fundamental to achieve full and effective implementation of the Treaty.

On the Issue of Disarmament,

- Indonesia welcomes the inclusion of reference on the role and capabilities of the IAEA in the area of verification. In accordance with its safeguards statutory mandate, IAEA has responded to member states’ requests for assistance related to verification tasks, including in connection with nuclear disarmament and arms control agreements.

- While we agree that multilateralism and multilaterally agreed solutions in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations were considered to provide sustainable method of addressing disarmament and international security issues collectively, we are cognizant that such negotiation has been stalled for more than 20 years in the Conference on Disarmament. Hence, Indonesia supports the negotiations on a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination, in accordance with General Assembly Resolution A/RES/71/258, proceeding in New York.

On the Issue of Non-Proliferation,

- Indonesia views that the entry into force of the CTBT is essential in strengthening nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation pillars of the NPT regime. Therefore, it is imperative to reiterate the call on all States that have not signed or ratified the Treaty - particularly those listed in the Annex 2 – to do so without delay. On this note, Indonesia does not support any additional concept or norm related to banning nuclear testing, other than the Treaty itself.

- Supports from nuclear weapon states is essential in achieving all objectives of Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones. With regard to nuclear-weapon-free zone in South East Asia, we stress the importance of consultations between nuclear weapon states and parties to the Bangkok Treaty for the early accession of the nuclear weapon states to the protocol of the Bangkok Treaty.
• Indonesia looks forward to further positive developments on the implementation of the JCPOA. We reiterate our call for the international community to maintain a positive atmosphere on the implementation of JCPOA.

On the Issue of Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy,

• Indonesia stresses the importance to put nuclear security in its proper context. It is the fundamental responsibility of States to ensure effective and comprehensive nuclear security of all nuclear materials, including those used in nuclear weapons. The risk of the possibility of non-State actors having access to nuclear weapons or to weapons-grade materials only heightens the need to expedite nuclear disarmament.

• Considering inalienable right of States parties to develop nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, Indonesia would disagree with any notion which suggests that “the use of nuclear energy must be accompanied by appropriate and effective levels of nuclear security”. In this regard, it is imperative to ensure that measures to strengthen nuclear security do not hamper international cooperation in the field of peaceful nuclear activities, nor undermine the established priorities of the IAEA’s Technical Cooperation Programme.

• It is not the understanding of my delegation that IAEA safeguards are functioning under financial constraints. On the contrary, we have been concerned by the budgetary imbalance between promotional and non-promotional activities of the Agency.

• In the same vein, while acknowledging the support of extrabudgetary contributions mechanism such as the IAEA Peaceful Uses Initiative in the promotion of peaceful uses of nuclear energy (as expressed in Paragraph 121), my delegation would like to caution against the over reliance on extra budgetary funds as this could negatively impact the effectiveness and independence as well as long term sustainability of the Agency.

Mr. Chairman,

With regards to the recognition of a need to ensure efficiency, effectiveness, coordination and continuity throughout the review cycle, Indonesia supports multiple efforts to fascinate progress at each Preparatory Committee and complement it into the next meeting. Indonesia encourages the Chair of the First Preparatory Committee to further develop communications and collaborations among Chairs of incoming Preparatory Committees and the incoming President of the 2020 Review Conference.

Finally, Indonesia remains resolute in continuing its constructive engagement with all States Parties in pursuing a balanced and non-discriminatory implementation of the three pillars of NPT, as well as a universal NPT.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.