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These actions, undeniably, undermine the NPT and its grand bargain.

Mr. Chairman,
    Since 1968, the international community was relentless in its drive to rid the world of nuclear weapons.

    In 1968, the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons called in Article VI to "pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament."

    In 1995, the NPT Review and Extension Conference stressed in Decision 2 on Principles and Objectives for Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament "the determined pursuit by the Nuclear Weapon States of systematic and progressive efforts to reduce nuclear weapons globally, with the ultimate goals of eliminating those weapons, and by all States of general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control."

    In 1996, the International Court of Justice issued its advisory opinion on The Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons which ruled that nuclear weapons are generally illegal and that all states that possess them are obligated to bring to a conclusion negotiations on nuclear disarmament in all its aspects.
must ensure that both nuclear disarmament and nuclear nonproliferation objectives are met. It is Egypt's view therefore, that a future treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other explosive devices necessitates the inclusion of stockpiles of weapon usable materials in order to ensure that this future treaty would serve nuclear disarmament and not remain another nonproliferation measure. In this regard, we look forward to the commencement of the work of the First Session of the High Level Preparatory Expert Group due to begin in July/August 2017 in Geneva.

Mr. Chairman,

The 2010 Review Conference reaffirmed the legitimate interest of all non-nuclear weapon States parties to the Treaty in receiving unequivocal and legally binding security assurances from the Nuclear Weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons. We are of the view that pending the total elimination of nuclear weapons, NWS must refrain from the threat of use of nuclear weapons against any non-nuclear weapon state parties to the NPT. Egypt encourages the pursuit to conclude a universal, unconditional, and legally binding instrument on security assurances to all non-nuclear weapon States parties to the NPT.

Mr. Chairman,

The lack of progress in implementing Article VI of the NPT and the growing frustration with nuclear weapon States