Statement

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Mr. President

The Egyptian delegation would like to stress that it is truly regrettable that the Review Conference was not able to achieve an agreed outcome that reflects a commitment of states parties to the treaty to strengthening its objectives, as it represents the cornerstone of the global non-proliferation regime and the essential foundation for nuclear disarmament.

Mr. President
To help achieve a consensus during our review conference, Egypt stressed at the outset the need for adopting an agenda that would constitute a roadmap, and consequently, contribute to ensuring that the review conference encompasses all the issues we are seized with, in a fair, balanced and impartial manner.

Mr. President
Egypt believes that the accurate and balanced implementation of the treaty provisions requires a proper balance in the implementation of its three pillars, as well as equality in the fulfillment of obligations and rights of the States parties to the treaty. In this vein, Egypt emphasized thoroughly and timely the importance of the full and non-selective implementation of the treaty in nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation and the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. Subsequently, Egypt called upon the conference to engage in a just, and impartial, yet comprehensive review of the operation and implementation of the treaty, reiterating that the guiding principles leading our work should consist of the following elements:
- Review the fulfillment of the states parties of their obligations under the Treaty, and their efforts towards achieving its objectives, including those emanating from the previous conferences, and in particular towards
achieving the long-held commitment of states parties to the treaty to universal adherence, which is undoubtedly amongst the most urgent objectives of any multilateral treaty, especially, when its provisions set norms that are intrinsically linked to international security.

- Review the implementation of the decisions, resolution, and outcomes, adopted by previous conferences, particularly, 1995 review and extension conference and the 2000 review conference. It is incumbent upon the states parties to undertake to make every effort in order to implementing the decisions and resolutions previously adopted within the review process, and to further consider ways and means to ensure its full implementation. In this context, it is equally important to stress that adopting a decision is not an end in itself, but the highest priority remains to ensure that it is fully implemented accordingly, we cannot but recall, that the 2000 review conference followed this path in addressing the decisions and the resolution adopted by the states parties at the 1995 review and extension conference.

- Such a Comprehensive Review process as we have just described would effectively provide for the examination of new developments related directly to the provisions of the treaty.

Mr. President,

Egypt is a staunch supporter of the treaty and has a long record of demonstrated commitment to its provisions, obligations, as well as to the undertakings emanating from its review process, which we consider it confers to the treaty an ongoing vitality.

A key factor in future review conferences rest with the political will of the states parties to preserve the integrity of the treaty and the dynamics of its review process.
Mr. President

As we are approaching the end of this conference, we believe that in our future work within the review process, we should be guided by an objective approach, that would pave the way towards success.

Thank you Mr. President