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STATEMENT ON DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE CONVENING OF SSOD-IV (L.4)

Madam Chair,

Allow me to speak on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and to make a statement before action on this Cluster.

Many delegations and group of delegations have expressed their disappointment in the general debate of this Committee on the failure of major conferences in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation during the past year. The Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs in his statement has also recounted those setbacks in the same ~~expression~~ *wave*.

Many has also reaffirmed the absolute validity of multilateral diplomacy in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation and determined to promote multilateralism as an essential way to develop arms regulations and disarmament negotiations

The cumulative effect of these negative developments has been a continuation of the nuclear arms race. There are also plans for creating new generation of nuclear weapons. We are also facing the distinct danger that terrorists will acquire these weapons with potentially calamitous consequences. Concurrently, efforts to advance conventional weapons continue unabated in many parts of the world.

In the Final Document adopted by consensus at the conclusion of SSOD I, whose thirtieth anniversary we will be commemorating in 2008, we have stated, among others, that while the final objective of the efforts of all States should continue to be general and complete disarmament under effective international control, the immediate goal is that of the elimination of the danger of nuclear weapons.

In spite of the best efforts of the international community, adequate results have not been produced with the existing disarmament machinery. There is an urgent need that the machinery and forum appropriately constituted for disarmament deliberations and negotiations be revitalized. Therefore, the role and responsibility of the United Nations in the sphere of disarmament, in accordance with its Charter, must be strengthened.

Against this somber backdrop, with the adoption **without a vote** of resolution 59/71 in 2004, we have the responsibility to fulfill the mandate entrusted to us by the General Assembly. In this context, we believe that the substantive sessions of the OEWG are the appropriate forum to make adequate preparation towards the convening of SSOD-IV.

In 2003, a comprehensive set of proposals were submitted by the Non-Aligned Movement, the European Union and others during the sessions of the OEWG. Those proposals were built based on the experiences of the past as well as the existing disarmament agreements and the global norms that have served us so well. They also contained several new issues related to disarmament and international security.

We believe that the substantive sessions of the OEWG will provide each member state with an opportunity to make contributions to our common objectives and also share responsibilities for the maintenance of international peace and security.

We remain confident that we will have a productive and effective exchange of views on relevant disarmament and non-proliferation issues. This will facilitate our quest for ways and means of ensuring common security based on a balanced and comprehensive set of interests among all groups of states.

In this respect, NAM expresses its readiness to work closely and constructively with all member states to fully utilize the forthcoming substantive sessions of the OEWG which is mandated to consider the objectives and agenda of SSOD-IV, including the establishment of its Preparatory Committee (Prepcom). NAM, urges all delegation to extend their continued support in fulfilling the mandate entrusted to us by resolution 59/71 of 2004 which was **adopted by consensus**.

Thank you, Madam Chair.