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Thank you Madam Chairman.

2. At the outset, let me express my deepest congratulations to you on your election to preside over our 2018 Session of the United Nations Disarmament Commission. We also congratulate other members of the Commission's Bureau and the Chairpersons of the respective Working Groups.

3. Malaysia aligns itself with the statement delivered earlier by Indonesia on behalf of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), and the statement to be delivered by the Philippines, on behalf of the Association of the Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Madam Chairman,

4. Malaysia continues to attach importance and significance of United Nations Disarmament Commission (UNDC) as the sole specialised body with universal membership in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation.

5. On nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, Malaysia is proud to be among the signatories of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons which was adopted on 7 July 2017. We believe that the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons complements the existing disarmament and non-proliferation international instruments. Thus Malaysia joined other Member States in signing the treaty on 21 December 2017. We are making efforts towards its ratification at the national level.

6. At the same time, Malaysia continues to uphold and adhere to principles of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) which serve as guiding principles towards general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control.

7. As we speak, delegations are undertaking their final preparation for the Second Preparatory Committee for the 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) to be held in Geneva. Malaysia looks with optimism that this year's Prep-com will achieve tangible results and effective continuity of existing discussions in laying the groundwork for next year's Prep-com in New York.

Madam Chairman,

8. Malaysia reiterates the Advisory Opinion of the ICJ on the Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons of 8 July 1996. The Advisory Opinion, among others, unanimously concluded that "there exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to conclusions negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspect under strict and effective international control". We see merit in the reiteration while noticing the urgency for the Commission to conduct its work on the agenda of nuclear weapons in this context.

9. We applaud the efforts and spirit of cooperation during the recent Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations Conference to review progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in all its aspects.

10. Malaysia on its part, remains committed towards the establishment of adequate and stringent domestic laws to effectively control the circulation of conventional arms and illicit trade of arms.

11. In the same vein, we continue to support confidence building measures at all levels in the field of conventional weapons, in our collective efforts to strengthen international peace and security. We do hope that necessary negotiations will continue to be conducted in good faith to narrow the gap between divergent views among member states in this field.

Madam Chairman,

12. Malaysia welcomes the adoption by the General Assembly on 4 December 2017 of the Resolution 72/76 on the Prevention of an arms race in outer space and Resolution 72/27 focused on no first placement of weapons in outer space.

13. We also welcome further dialogues to deepen understanding on issues pertaining to space security threats and hazards, transparency and confidence-building measures for enhancing space security and areas for practical international cooperation in a comprehensive and balance manner.

Madam Chairman,

14. In conclusion, let me reassure you that Malaysia will play its part in our active discussion on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, including issues on outer space to prevent an arms race, towards preserving global peace and security.

15. I thank you once again, Madam Chair.