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Disarmament**

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H.E. President of the General Assembly,

H.E. Secretary General,

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Indonesia hopes that this historic event will galvanize political action on the ongoing processes in achieving a world free from nuclear weapons.

We align with the statement by His Excellency President Hassan Rouhani of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Mr. President,

We meet at a critical time.

For decades, the lack of political will in international disarmament forums made progress near impossible. Positive signs that were evident after the 2010 NPT Review Conference are dimming. The mandated 2012 Conference on the Middle East Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone has yet to take place. The world's sole multilateral negotiating body on disarmament, the Conference on Disarmament, has been in stalemate for almost two decades, thus eroding the relevance of the UN.

It is high time for all countries - Nuclear Weapons States and Non-Nuclear Weapons States - to allow diplomacy to work. Countries now have to honor their commitment to nuclear disarmament. Everyone has a stake in this issue.

Thus this meeting should not be merely viewed as a one-day event.

It should be viewed as spawning a process whereby we renew our commitments through attaining concrete outcomes.

There are practical ways that we can explore to advance the cause of nuclear disarmament.

First, let us support the draft General Assembly resolution on the follow-up to this High-level Meeting that will soon be tabled by the Non-Aligned Movement in the 68th Session of the UNGA First Committee.

This draft resolution calls for negotiations on a comprehensive nuclear weapons convention. It mandates the convening of a high-level international conference on nuclear disarmament no later than 2018 that shall review the progress towards a world free of nuclear weapons.

Second, every non-nuclear weapon state must ensure that its territory and region will not be used to contravene nuclear disarmament.

Countries should align their relevant national laws with the global effort to eliminate nuclear weapons.

In this regard, we intend to preserve Southeast Asia as a nuclear-weapon-free zone that is also free of all weapons of mass destruction. In this regard, we encourage Nuclear Weapon States to expedite the signing and ratification of the Protocol to the SEANWFZ Treaty.

Third, the CTBT has to be universal and must enter into force immediately.

For its part, Indonesia has shown its commitment to nuclear disarmament by ratifying the CTBT in 2012. The remaining eight Annex II countries should follow this step. As co-president of the Article XIV Conference, it is our hope that such will is displayed globally.

Finally, let us implement our commitments without hesitation.

Let us ensure that humankind will forever be absolved from the threat of nuclear annihilation.

Let us do justice to multilateralism by allowing the United Nations to work.

Thank you.