

Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia

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Mr. Chairman,

1. Indonesia associates itself with the statements of NAM and ASEAN.
2. Our commitment towards the realization of a world free of nuclear weapons is uncontested.
3. However, in 77th year of our work in pursuing nuclear disarmament, its status remains inadequate.
4. The risk of using nuclear war becomes ever present.
5. Nine countries maintain possession over 13.000 nuclear weapons.
 - ➔ Whilst, a handful of States host nuclear weapons in their territories, allowing potential use on their behalf.
 - ➔ At the same time, advancement and modernizations of nuclear weapons and delivery system continues.
6. The lack of commitment from Nuclear Weapons States (NWS) is apparent.
 - ➔ NWS continue to reject timelines or benchmark as well as any meaningful and ambitious commitment
 - ➔ NWS also continue justifying international security environment as a pretext to maintain their possession on nuclear weapons.

7. Trust among members states continue to decrease as the 10th NPT Review Conference failed to achieve yet another consensus.
8. Amidst this situation, we are pleased to recognize the successful First Meeting of States Parties of the TPNW and the adoption of its outcome document.
9. This success offered hope in the nuclear disarmament landscape.

Mr. Chairman,

10. Allow me to me highlight **three** important points for our Delegation on the issue of nuclear disarmament.
11. **FIRST**, nuclear disarmament is an enabler of international security and stability.
12. The current challenging situation should not justify the continued possession of nuclear weapons, neither should they justify the use or threat of use of such weapons.
13. We should make it clear, Indonesia condemn unequivocally any and all nuclear threats, irrespective of the circumstances.
14. **SECOND**, urgent and concrete actions shall be pursued towards nuclear disarmament.
15. Nuclear-armed states have the responsibility to immediately step up their efforts in advancing nuclear disarmament.
16. Relevant States should also take steps to stop hosting nuclear weapons in their territories and reject the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons on their behalf.
17. **THIRD**, we all need to reignite efforts towards the realization of the long-overdue:

- ➔ Comprehensive convention on nuclear weapons;
- ➔ Legally binding instruments on effective international assurances for non-nuclear weapons states against the use and threat of use of nuclear weapons;
- ➔ Balanced treaty banning the production of fissile material for use in nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;
- ➔ Institutionalized nuclear weapon free zone where they cease to exist and immediate entry into force of the CTBT; and
- ➔ Strengthened relevant measures, such as verification and transparency, which contribute towards a world without nuclear weapons.

Mr. Chairman,

18. This year, the First Committee will once again deliberate on a number of resolutions pertinent to nuclear weapons.
19. Let me assure you that Indonesia will continue to extend our support to the draft resolutions, with a view to advance nuclear disarmament.
20. Nuclear disarmament machineries suffered enough this year. We cannot afford another setback.
21. The First Committee should reverse the trend to mitigate the catastrophic risks posed by nuclear weapons... in the interest of the very survival of humanity.

I thank you.