

Main Committee Two: Statement on Export Controls

Thank you chair.

It is Canada's view that export controls aim to ensure that nuclear trade for peaceful purposes does not contribute to the proliferation of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices and that international trade and cooperation in the nuclear field, under Article IV of the NPT is not hindered unduly in the process. Nuclear export controls are a legitimate, necessary, and desirable means of implementing the obligations of States parties under Article III of the Treaty. Effective export controls are central to enabling cooperation in peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

Canada believes that the Nuclear Suppliers Group Guidelines play an important and useful role in the development of national export control policies and contribute to the international non-proliferation regime. We also believe that the Understandings of the Zangger Committee provide important guidance to States parties in meeting their obligation under article 3.2 of the NPT.

In this context, Canada joins other delegations in calling for the inclusion in a final outcome document of the language on export controls contained in Paragraphs 27 to 33 submitted by the Vienna Group of Ten (Working Paper 3).

Thank you.