

## **Statement of the Republic of Korea on the Draft Report of MC1**

Thank you, Chair,

At the outset, I am grateful to you and your team for drafting the document and putting together today's meeting. My delegation wishes that the draft could be a good basis for our constructive discussions this week. My delegation would like to speak on a couple of points as preliminary comments.

First, let me join others in expressing our concerns on paragraph 23 regarding the reporting by States parties that are part of military alliance. The problem could arise from, as indicated by previous delegations, the creation of new category of States but also an improbability of implementing this new idea. Furthermore, extended deterrence is different from nuclear sharing in its concept and operation.

Second, as already expressed by my delegation in the SB1 meeting and distinguished ambassador from the UK today, paragraph 17 b. regarding the provision of security assurances should be modified in line with the very language contained in the Action 7 of the 2010 Final Document. My delegation reiterates its position that NSA should be applied only to those who faithfully comply with the NPT as a Non-Nuclear Weapon State.

Third, my delegation appreciates that several elements of the Stockholm Initiative, particularly nuclear risk reduction in paragraphs 14 to 16 are taken duly account into the text. In addition, my delegation wishes that some meaningful steps could be added in the report. Among others, possible elements could be (1) the moratorium of nuclear tests in paragraph 39 in accordance with Action 11 of the 2010 Final Report as well as the moratorium of producing fissile materials in paragraph 36.

I am looking forward to continued constructive discussion.

Thank you, Chair. /End/