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**Statement by Loureen Sayej, Third Secretary, before the Main Committee I of Tenth Review Conference of the Parties of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons**

Mr. President,

We thank the President and his team for all their efforts to advance and uphold multilateral disarmament commitments.

We align ourselves with the statement made by Indonesia on behalf of Non-Aligned Movement.

The State of Palestine remains fully committed to the NPT and to a world free of nuclear weapons.

We affirm that nuclear disarmament is the indispensable corollary to nuclear non-proliferation, and that no country on earth, including NWS should possess nuclear weapons. No exception and no exceptionalism, not Israel in the Middle East, and not anybody else anywhere else in the world. The elimination of nuclear weapons is not only a legal obligation but long overdue.

Mr. President,

As long as existing agreements are not met and obligations are selectively upheld, as long as some states are not parties to the NPT, as long as nuclear tests continue to be carried out, and nuclear weapons modernized and vertical and horizontal proliferation do not cease, as long as Israel continues to enjoy exception and as long 1995 Resolution on Middle East remains unfulfilled, and as long as we are not decisively moving towards total nuclear disarmament, the world will not be safe.

Throughout this Conference, NNWS have been pleading, appealing, calling, demanding the bare minimum to advance towards this objective. If anything, this Conference confirms the relevance and the just nature of the TPNW.

Nuclear weapons are the most indiscriminate weapons of all. Choosing not to eliminate them is placing every civilian on earth in harm's way. There is a growing and powerful sense of urgency to rid the world of nuclear weapons. We either maintain our course and live on the hope that no nuclear catastrophe will befall us or work for real change.

Since I am the last speaker, I would like to say that our commitment, and that of many in this room, towards a world free of nuclear weapons remains intact. As of tomorrow, we shall wake up and continue to work towards achieving this goal.