

Statement by
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Thank you, Madame President,

First of all allow me to express my sincere congratulations to you on your assumption of the Chairmanship of the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) from 27 April to 22 May 2015. With our proactive discussions, I wish the conference all the success in advancing global disarmament and the non-proliferation agenda.

Taking this opportunity, the Royal Government of Cambodia wishes to express its deepest condolences to the people and Government of Nepal for the huge loss of lives by the recent large-scale earthquake in the country on 25 April.

Cambodia associates itself with the statements respectively made by the Foreign Ministers of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-aligned State Parties to the NPT, and by the Permanent Representative of Myanmar on behalf of the ASEAN.

Madame President,

Since the entry into force of the Treaty, we worked relentlessly through the UN and other regional mechanisms and the international fora to reach our common objectives. Yet little progress has been made in the nuclear non-proliferation regime. Rising conflicts in parts of the world has continued to dilute the essence of the NPT, in particular the 3 main pillars contained therein.

It is significant that Nuclear Weapons States serve as the leading role in living up with our commitments agreed at the last 5 years, which would contribute to enhancing trust among Nuclear Weapons States and Non Nuclear Weapon States. More importantly, our 2015 Review Conference should be the vital moment to adopt further concrete action plans which would set a path towards reduction of nuclear weapons and seizing the technological advancement for Nuclear Weapons.

While the political will should be the core value to achieve a positive outcome document, we urge all States Parties to exhibit increased flexibility, and cooperation during this new cycle of the Review Conference.

Madame President,

The Royal Government of Cambodia reaffirms its principled position on nuclear disarmament and emphasizes that the total elimination of nuclear weapons is the only guarantee to maintain peace and security in this world.

Along the line, the Royal Government of Cambodia in cooperation with the United Nations for Disarmament Affairs hosted the following two consecutive workshops:

- The Workshop on the Asia 2014 Conference on the Non-Conventional Treaty on Chemical, Biological, Nuclear Explosive from 14-16 Oct. 2014 in Phnom Penh.
- The Workshop on the Implementation of the UNSC Resolution 1540 (2004) from 15-17 Oct. 2014 in Phnom Penh. The Workshop focuses on cross-discipline, experience sharing, to facilitate the identification of effective procedures and capacity building in response to national and regional requirements.

Madame President,

While we are reviewing the NPT, the Convention on the Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) serves as one of the important legal instrument to contain States' attempt to make any test of nuclear weapons, pending the closure of all test sites. For its part, Cambodia signed and ratified in the year 2000 for the CTBT. While looking forward to its entry into force, we must double our efforts to ensure its universality for the effective implementation of the ban of nuclear weapons test.

Cambodia welcomes the first Commemoration of the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons" at the Ministerial level which was held on the sidelines of the 69th Session of the UNGA's General Debate here in New York in order to mobilize the international efforts to work further towards a nuclear-free world.

On regional efforts, ASEAN is adhering to its principles of living free from nuclear weapons as enshrined in its Charter and these principles have been reinforced by our long-standing Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapons Free Zone. Cambodia gives significance of establishment of nuclear weapon-free zones in the regions. In this regard, it is encouraged that the Nuclear Weapons States-P5 have presently reiterated its good will to further work with ASEAN Member States towards the signing of the Protocol to the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapons Free Zone in the very near future.

In closing my remarks, I would like to emphasize that we should make robust efforts to lively deliberate our agenda towards satisfactory outcomes of this Review Conference, which would contribute to the marking of the 70th Anniversary of the United Nations and the Post Development Agenda at the end of this year.

Thank you.