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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by Iran on behalf of the Non Aligned Movement.

Mr. Chairman,

The United Republic of Tanzania is in full support of nuclear disarmament. We believe that the only assurance against their use or threat of use is their total and complete eradication.

The United Republic of Tanzania is a signatory to Regional and International Treaties, Conventions and Programmes of Action on nuclear disarmament, including the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty (NPT), the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), the Nuclear Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty (FMCT) and The Pelindaba Treaty which designated Africa as a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone (NWFZ). To date, Tanzania has ratified the NPT (1991), Chemical Weapon Convention (1998) and the Africa Nuclear Weapon Free Zone (Pelindaba Treaty).
Mr. Chairman,

The United Republic of Tanzania is highly committed to the NPT and emphasizes a balanced and fair implementation. In order to achieve the purpose of the treaty, we stress the vital role of International Atomic Energy Agency in peaceful uses of nuclear energy and the creation of a conducive environment for nuclear cooperation. We thus call on the organization to ensure that education on Nuclear Technology is equally given to all member states in good faith without discrimination and urges countries with nuclear arsenals to comply with the NPT provisions.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation commends the essential contribution of some non-nuclear-weapon States to the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones. These initiatives are a valuable contribution to international peace and security.

In that regard the United Republic of Tanzania supports the call for the establishment of Nuclear weapons Free Zone in the Middle-East.

Mr. Chairman,

For a long time, Non-nuclear states have voiced their concern and called for assurances by the nuclear states not to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear weapons states. We regret that there is reluctance on the part of Nuclear Weapon States to offer such assurance. It is in this regard that my delegation calls on Nuclear Weapon States to honour their obligation and conclude a legally binding agreement.
Mr. Chairman,

Tanzania remains committed to the total elimination of nuclear weapons. We also call on all states to adhere to the three main pillars of the NPT; namely, non-proliferation, disarmament and peaceful use of nuclear energy. In fulfilling this challenge we can save the world from the danger of another nuclear catastrophe.

I thank you.