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on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)

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Mr. Chairman,

1. I am honored to speak on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.
2. NAM remains concerned at the continuous erosion of multilateralism in the field of disarmament, non-proliferation, and arms control. The Movement is determined to continue promoting multilateralism, as the core principle of negotiations in these areas, and as the only sustainable method of addressing these issues in accordance with the UN Charter.
3. NAM stresses the importance of multilateral disarmament machinery consisting of the Conference on Disarmament as the sole multilateral negotiating body on disarmament, UNDC as a universal deliberative body and subsidiary organ of the General Assembly, and the First Committee. The Movement emphasizes the significance of preserving and strengthening the nature, role and purpose of each part of this machinery, including the First Committee.
4. Enhancing the effectiveness of UN disarmament machinery is a shared objective. Based on its existing rules of procedure and methods of work, this machinery has produced landmark treaties and guidelines. NAM believes that the main difficulty lies in the lack of political will by some States to achieve progress, particularly on nuclear disarmament.
5. NAM reiterates its call on the CD to agree on a balanced and comprehensive program of work. In this regard, the Movement notes the adoption of the Programme of Work for the 2009 session (CD/1864) by the CD on 29 May 2009 which was not implemented. While welcoming the efforts made during the 2013 session of the CD on its program of work, as well as on the CD's decision CD/1956/Rev.1 to establish an informal working group of the CD, NAM notes the deliberations of the working group in its meetings during the CD's 2013 session. The Movement encourages all states to demonstrate the necessary political will so that the CD fulfills its mandate. On its part, NAM stands ready to engage constructively on the UN disarmament agenda and the ways and means of strengthening the disarmament machinery. NAM

reiterates that a special session of the General Assembly should be convened to address these issues.

Mr. Chairman,

6. NAM Reaffirms the importance attached by the Charter of the United Nations to the principles of equality of all States and equitable geographical distribution. Taking into account the importance of groups of governmental experts in the field of disarmament and international security, NAM emphasizes the need for giving due consideration, in the appointment of the members of such groups, also to equitable geographical representation representation.
7. While expressing concern at the regional imbalance and inadequate and under-representation of Non-Aligned Countries in the current composition of the membership in some groups of governmental experts, NAM considers that mere reflection of the principle of equitable geographical representation in the resolutions establishing such GGEs is not sufficient. Accordingly, NAM underlines the need for the strict application of such principle in the actual composition of these Groups to ensure a more balanced membership therein.
8. NAM urges the Secretary-General to take concrete actions so as to ensure a more balanced membership of future GGEs which can contribute to the effectiveness and participatory nature of their work.
9. The Movement will closely follow the application of this principle in regard to the composition of the GGEs and expresses hope that this principle is applied, inter alia, through the extension of the size of their membership.
10. Finally, NAM would like to emphasize that it is high time that all countries work together, cooperate more, and bring to bear their respective political capital to revitalize the UN disarmament machinery.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.