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Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear
Weapons**

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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, allow me to congratulate you on your election as Chairman of the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. We believe that under your leadership, this meeting would be able to lay the necessary ground towards a successful NPT Review Conference in 2020.

Indonesia associates itself with the statement made by the Delegation of Venezuela on behalf of the Group of Non-Aligned Movement States Parties to the NPT.

We commend your initiative, Mr. Chairman, in organizing a series of regional dialogue and consultations on NPT. As the host of the Asia-Pacific Regional Dialogue and Consultations, Indonesia continues to see the benefit of this process and believes that this mechanism of exchange of views should be continued.

Mr. Chairman,

We would like to re-emphasize that the objectives of the NPT can only be achieved through a balanced, comprehensive and non-discriminatory implementation of its three pillars.

It is regrettable that implementation of all the three pillars remains imbalanced.

There is lack of progress towards disarmament. Nuclear weapons states continue to rely on nuclear weapons in their military doctrine. In a complex contemporary international security environment, Indonesia is of the view that the nuclear deterrence doctrine should be abandoned and considered obsolete, as a relic of the Cold War.

The persistent adherence to the doctrine has also made progress on non-proliferation pillar stagnant.

With regard to the peaceful use of nuclear energy, full, effective and non-discriminatory implementation of Article IV should be guaranteed. Preferential treatment should be given to the non-nuclear-weapons States Parties to the Treaty when it comes to all activities in the promotion of peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

Mr. Chairman,

Regrettably, we have lost an important momentum at the 2015 NPT Review Conference. This has impeded the efforts to assess the progress and achievements in the implementation of the 2010 Action Plan, which also prevent the improvement of transparency and confidence-building.

The claim that thousands of nuclear weapons have been retired and dismantled by the two largest possessors of nuclear weapons, through their bilateral strategic agreement, is yet to be verified transparently.

In this regard, Indonesia supports the role of IAEA in discharging its safeguards and verification mandates and encourages Nuclear and Non-Nuclear Weapons States to continue cooperation with IAEA.

Mr. Chairman,

An important development on global efforts towards total elimination of nuclear weapons is the conclusion of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Indonesia supported and played an active role in its negotiations. Indonesia believes that the TPNW is complementary and mutually reinforcing to the NPT and addresses the deep concern on the catastrophic humanitarian impacts of any use of nuclear weapons, as well as being an effective legal measure under Article VI of the NPT.

Indonesia consistently calls for the earliest possible entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) and stresses the immense importance of the Treaty's universalization. Indonesia tirelessly urges all States that have not yet signed or ratified the Treaty - particularly those listed in the Annex 2 – to do so without further delay.

Indonesia would like to once again recognize that the establishment of Nuclear Weapon Free Zones represent positive steps toward attaining the objectives of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. Indonesia also encourages continued cooperation among Nuclear Weapon Free Zones, towards supporting the achievement of a world free of nuclear weapons.

In this regard, we call upon all concerned parties to double the efforts to convene the long-awaited Conference on the Middle East's Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and other weapons of mass destruction. A nuclear weapons free zone of the Middle East will go a long way in helping enable regional and international causes for peace and security.

To conclude, **Mr. Chairman**, this Preparatory Committee Meeting is indeed an important phase in preparing the 2020 Review Conference, which cannot afford to have another failure to reach agreement on substantive documents.

Indonesia is prepared to work collectively with all States Parties and civil society organizations, in pursuing the balanced and non-discriminatory implementation of the three pillars of NPT, as well as a universal NPT.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.