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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

As with the statement delivered by Indonesia, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), the Philippines maintains that nuclear disarmament is, and should remain to be, the highest priority.

For this reason, the Philippines gave its strong support for the convening of the High Level Meeting on Nuclear Disarmament in 2013, upon the initiative of the NAM.

This historic meeting aimed to strike a balance in the implementation of commitments made under the three pillars of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

As called for in UNGA resolution 68/32 on the “Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament”, the Philippines strongly calls for the early conclusion of a comprehensive Nuclear Weapons Convention, marking 26 September in our calendars as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, and the convening of a United Nations high-level international conference by 2018 to take stock of progress in the achievement of nuclear disarmament.

It is undeniable that in recent years, we have put more attention, resources and effort toward the second and third pillars, while we take our time – even avoiding timetables – for our nuclear disarmament goals.

In the meantime, there remains the continued build up and modernization of nuclear arms as well as strategic defense doctrines that serve as a rational for some to continue to possess such weapons.

This is something that the Philippines remains seriously concerned with and something that my delegation is determined to address especially as we approach the 2015 NPT Review Conference.

We call on the nuclear weapon states to fully implement their unequivocal undertaking to accomplish the total elimination of their respective nuclear arsenals.

While we welcome the ongoing P5 Process where the nuclear weapons states review progress in their implementation of the 2010 NPT Action Plan, we look forward to this

process ultimately evolving into a venue for the multilateral reduction of their nuclear arsenals.

Non-nuclear weapons States also await effective, universal, unconditional, non-discriminatory and irrevocable legally binding assurances against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

Mr. Chairman,

The Philippines has consistently called for the entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) and the start of negotiations for a Fissile Material Cut-Off Treaty (FMCT) in our bilateral and regional engagements with relevant countries and groups, where possible.

The Philippines urges concerned States to double their efforts and show concrete headway on the all-important steps that have been identified as crucial to the comprehensive effort toward nuclear disarmament as soon as possible.

We join 11 other States Parties within the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (NPDI) in strongly pushing for greater transparency in our efforts toward global zero, and in calling for the de-alerting of nuclear forces to avoid any unauthorized or accidental nuclear weapons detonation.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.