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**Statement**

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**at the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee  
for the 2026 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty  
on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons**

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Mr. Chair,

1. At the outset, congratulations on your election as Chair of the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2026 NPT Review Conference. Please rest assured of Thailand's full support.
2. Thailand aligns itself with the statements delivered by Uganda for the NAM States Parties and by Malaysia for ASEAN.

Mr. Chair,

3. Eighty years after the devastation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the world faces rising nuclear dangers. Geopolitical tensions grow as nuclear weapons are modernized, and emerging technologies heighten risks. The threat of nuclear war is now greater than ever.
4. The NPT remains a **cornerstone** of global disarmament and non-proliferation regime, but its **credibility is weakening**. Progress on disarmament has stalled for over a decade, divisions are deepening, and proliferation risks persist.
5. To break this cycle, strong political will is needed. Ahead of the Review Conference, Thailand urges action on the following key priorities.
6. First, **political will must translate into concrete action**. The total elimination of nuclear weapons remains the sole absolute guarantee against their catastrophic consequences. Nuclear-weapon States must take **irreversible, verifiable and transparent** steps toward this goal. In the meantime, **risk reduction measures** must be adopted to prevent miscalculations, accidents, and unintended escalation. Equally critical, **legally binding security assurances** must be extended to non-nuclear-weapon States to strengthen global trust and confidence.
7. Second, **the review process must be revitalised**. We must reform our working methods to enable constructive dialogue, bridge differences, and deliver a meaningful outcome. **Transparency and accountability** in nuclear activities must be enhanced to drive progress, including through **regular reporting, follow-up mechanisms, and clear benchmarks**. Additionally, advancing nuclear disarmament verification is essential to building a momentum toward a world free of nuclear weapons.

8. Third, **complementary instruments must be strengthened and universalised**. Thailand welcomes the **positive momentum of the TPNW**, reflecting global call for disarmament progress. We remain deeply concerned by the **CTBT's delayed entry into force and the failure to launch FMCT negotiations** – both requiring urgent action. As Depositary of **the Bangkok Treaty**, Thailand reaffirms the role of **nuclear-weapon-free zones** as essential building blocks for regional and global peace and security. A "multi-track" approach is needed to advance disarmament and non-proliferation.

9. Lastly, **emerging risks must be addressed with foresight**. The increasing **convergence of advanced technologies** - including AI, cyber, and space technologies - **with nuclear command, control and delivery systems**, has created new dimensions of complexity and unpredictability. This evolving landscape demands a coordinated, comprehensive strategy to mitigate potential unintended consequences and prevent catastrophic escalation.

Mr. Chair,

10. As we advance nuclear disarmament, we must **adhere to non-proliferation obligations** without exception. The full implementation of **relevant UNSC resolutions** and the **IAEA safeguards** remains fundamental to the NPT regime's credibility and integrity.

11. Thailand underscores the indispensable **contribution of nuclear science and technology** in addressing global challenges, from sustainable development to climate change. Equitable access to **peaceful uses of nuclear energy** must be guaranteed. As a member of the **IAEA Board of Governors**, we reaffirm the its central role in **nuclear safety, security, and safeguards**, and recognise the role of **regional mechanisms** such as ASEAN Network of Regulatory Bodies on Atomic Energy in building capacity and confidence.

Mr. Chair,

12. Thailand reaffirms its **steadfast commitment** to the NPT and its objectives. As we approach the Review Conference, we must act with **urgency and unity** to deliver **a much-needed outcome**.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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