

Statement of the Delegation of Thailand

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Thank you, Mr. President.

- Thailand extends its sincere congratulation to Morocco on assuming the presidency of the Conference on Disarmament. Please rest assured of Thailand's full support in advancing the important work of the conference, in particular negotiating disarmament treaty.

The Conference of Disarmament

Mr. President,

- **Multilateral arms control and non-proliferation treaties** were not created in a vacuum. They are the product of diplomatic efforts and the political will of States to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war.

- Regrettably, amid unprecedented geopolitical tensions and a deepening trust deficit, the Conference has remained paralyzed for decades without successfully negotiating a single treaty. The **revitalization of the CD** is therefore a matter of urgency. This could be achieved by enhancing **inclusivity and transparency**, including through the expansion of its membership and greater participation of interested observers.

- Thailand believes that **fresh and diverse perspectives** would help the CD overcome its longstanding stagnation and restore its effectiveness as the sole multilateral negotiating forum on disarmament.

Nuclear disarmament

Mr. President,

- At a time when multilateralism is under strain, **the termination of New START**— the only remaining bilateral arms control treaty between the two major nuclear powers — **marks a troubling development**.

- Thailand firmly believes that **the expansion and modernization of nuclear arsenals, or increased reliance on nuclear deterrence**, do not make the world safer.

- On the contrary, they heighten risks. The sharp rise in nuclear rhetoric and the growing role of nuclear weapons in security doctrines increase the risk of **misperception, misunderstanding, and miscalculation.**

- The P5 must collectively act on their special responsibilities in the areas of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation without delay. **Restoring dialogue among nuclear-weapon States — as well as with other nuclear-possessing States** — on nuclear risk reduction, transparency, and crisis communication is pivotal. Such dialogue can pave the way for further engagement, including the **negotiation of an inclusive nuclear arms control agreement with a robust verification regime.**

- In this regard, **the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty** remains a vital step in strengthening the **non-proliferation regime.** Thailand urges the remaining Annex II States to ratify the Treaty without delay.

- Furthermore, **the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons** or **TPNW** serves as a complementary instrument that reinforces the global disarmament and non-proliferation architecture at both regional and international levels. By placing humanity at the center of its framework and grounding its provisions in scientific evidence, the Treaty fills a critical humanitarian gap in the existing regime.

- Thailand will remain an unwavering advocate for disarmament, non-proliferation, and multilateral solutions at both the **NPT and TPNW Review Conferences** this year. And together with our ASEAN partners, we will **continue engaging with the P5 to accede, without reservation, to the Protocol to the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ) Treaty.**

Armed conflicts and corrosion of international law

Mr. President,

- Thailand believes that **no armed conflict is necessary.** They cause severe and long-lasting harm to development, stability, and humanity.

- **Persistent non-compliance** with obligations under international law, particularly humanitarian disarmament treaties and international humanitarian law during armed conflicts has been increased. Such trends risk normalizing a **“new low” in adherence to international norms and principles,** where non-compliance with the object and purpose of treaties risks becoming perceived as acceptable behavior.

- All stakeholders, including international organizations, civil society, donors and other partners in disarmament, must revert these trends by **cultivating a culture of compliance and cooperation**, ensuring that all actions on the ground genuinely advance disarmament and non-proliferation objectives.

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Mr. President,

- We must remain vigilant against **the misuse of scientific and technological advances** in all forms, particularly in ways that may exacerbate conflicts.
- It is imperative that **technological developments** comply with international law and do not undermine international peace and security. States must work hand in hand with other stakeholders, including international organizations, academia, and industry, to ensure that capacity building activities and access to technology are only for peaceful purposes while strengthening adherence to related treaties, including the Biological Weapons Convention and the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space (PAROS)

Mr. President,

- Lastly, with the **growing number of space actors and increasing reliance on space-based services**, preventing an arms race in outer space is more relevant than ever.
- Enhancing **outer space security** requires a **pragmatic and balanced approach**. Political commitments on responsible behavior and discussions toward **legally binding instruments** should be viewed as complementary and mutually reinforcing. Thailand looks forward to substantive discussions at the upcoming Open-ended Working Group on the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space in July.
- In closing, under this unprecedented geopolitical context, I would like to echo the statement made by the UN Secretary General this morning **calling for actions**. Thailand, on our part, remains committed to working together with partners to advance peace and disarmament agenda through the CD and other related fora.

I thank you

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