Statement of the Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia 
at the 
High Level Segment of the Conference on Disarmament

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Mr. President,

Let me begin by congratulating you on assuming the Presidency of the Conference on Disarmament. Rest assured that Indonesia will continue to lend its support to the Conference. On this occasion, I wish to also appreciate Algeria’s presidency for its efforts in developing a package of Program of Work of the CD and wish a fruitful outcome under Argentina’s presidency.

Mr. President,

For Indonesia, and I believe also for the rest of the non-nuclear possessor states who have been faithfully committed to the NPT provisions, the development in disarmament aspect is worrying.

We are witnessing, among others:

• the re-emergence of nuclear arms race and other WMD in conflicts and non-traditional security issues in the last 2 decades;
• the collapse of global disarmament architecture;
• the increase of defence budget on nuclear modernization;
• the widening trust deficit between possessor and non-possessor states, and;
• the ignorance towards global concern on humanitarian and indiscriminate impacts of nuclear weapon explosion.

Mr. President,

As the only multilateral disarmament negotiating forum, CD should serve to address all of the challenges related to arms control and disarmament problems.

However, it is no longer a secret that the work of the CD has been in 2,5 decades long of gridlock. The question of the relevance and contribution of the CD to the maintenance of international peace and security has been inevitably raised.
On that note, *Mr. President*, allow me to emphasize the following points:

**First**, we need to reinforce the global nuclear disarmament architecture:

- Nuclear disarmament is and should be the highest priority.
- CD should immediately negotiate and eventually conclude a comprehensive convention on nuclear weapons instrument: to prohibit their possession, development, production, acquisition, testing, stockpiling, transfer, and use or threat of use, as well as to provide for their destruction.
- We should pursue the negotiations on a phased program for the complete elimination of nuclear weapons with a specified framework of time.
- Indonesia sees TPNW as an adequate instrument to serve those objectives.

**Second**, negative security assurances (NSA) is an important building block of a multilateral process in reducing nuclear weapons towards a global zero.

- It is Indonesia’s and other committed non-possessor nuclear weapon states’ legitimate right for an early agreement on an effective, universal, unconditional, non-discriminatory and irrevocable legally binding security assurances.
- Despite previous commitment and numerous initiatives made, no single legally binding instrument is on the way to guarantee the attainment of NSA.
- In that context, we call on NWS to fulfil their promises.

**Third**, Indonesia is highly committed to advance a balanced treaty which addresses the concerns of nuclear weapons states as well as non-nuclear weapons states on Fissile Material Cut-Off Treaty.

- The treaty should be non-discriminatory, multilateral, and effectively verifiable, in accordance with the mandate of the CD’s document number CD/1299.
- The future treaty should not confine the scope to only future production.

**Finally**, we urge the members of CD to build collective efforts in addressing the potential threats of weaponized outer and cyber spaces.

- The exploration and use of outer space and other celestial bodies should be for peaceful purposes only and benefit all states.
- We urge the CD to commence substantive work on the prevention of arms race in outer space with the aim to achieve consensus-based legally-binding multilateral instrument on this matter.
I understand that in order to move forward, the CD needs to have a balance and comprehensive Program of Work. Therefore, finalization of this Program of Work is important, so that the CD could start its real task and fulfill its mandates. And for that, I call on members to exercise flexibility and constructive engagement.

Mr. President,

As we are heading towards the 50th anniversary of the NPT, it is momentous for us to reinvigorate our political will, to reinforce trust among us, and to make full use of this multilateral forum to fulfill our mandates in global disarmament agenda.

I thank you.