Statement by
Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia
at 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 of Indonesia’s continuous support to the work of the Presidency and this esteemed Conference.

We also commend Ambassador Mansfield and her team from Australian Mission for their relentless efforts and able stewardship, during Australia’s presidency, in maintaining the engagement and coordination with the members of the CD amidst this extraordinary time.

Indonesia associates itself with the statement by Egypt on behalf of the G21, and wishes to convey a few remarks in its national capacity.

Mr. President,

The COVID-19 pandemic has posed unprecedented challenges to multilateral diplomacy, including in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation; and the CD is without exception.

Amid the ongoing challenge faced by the CD, the pandemic has delayed the work of the CD even more in times when we need most.

With the postponement of the NPT Review Conference and other related processes, Indonesia is of the view that the CD should make the best use the additional time to work to forge consensus and resolve differences that have been long hindered our efforts in realising the complete elimination of nuclear weapons.

This can be done by exploring all possible options—from in-person meetings to online exercises.

In this regard, Indonesia appreciates the efforts made by Austria and the Secretariat to organize this meeting, with due consideration to high degree of flexibilities to the current situation and to the health, safety and well-being of all delegates and UN staffs as priority.

I think you are all in agreement that the CD should move forward in order fulfilling its mandate effectively and to retain its relevance.
For that, the finalization of the long-standing negotiation of Program of Work is a key, which hopefully could be done under your presidency.

Mr. President,

Indonesia’s position in this Conference remains unchanged.

We are of the firm view that nuclear disarmament is and should be the highest priority. CD should immediately negotiate and eventually conclude a comprehensive convention on nuclear weapons.

We should pursue the negotiations on a phased program with a specified framework of time.

The Nuclear Weapon States should also fulfil the Non-Nuclear Weapons States’ legitimate right for an early agreement on an effective, universal, unconditional, non-discriminatory and irrevocable legally binding security assurances.

We need 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.

We also wish to urge the CD members to build collective efforts in addressing the potential threats of weaponized outer and cyber spaces.

Mr. President,

Indonesia looks forward to working with all of you during this challenging time.

We also stand ready to support the CD to resume its substantive work and fulfil its mandate as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum.

Thank you.