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Mr. Chairman,
Allow me to first congratulate you and the Bureau Members on your election to this august committee. I assure you of my delegation’s full support towards achieving meaningful outcomes.

Our delegation also appreciates the Chair and Bureau Members of the 75th Session for their excellent work.

Indonesia associates itself with the statements delivered on behalf of NAM, and that by Thailand on behalf of ASEAN.

Allow me to add our national points.

Mr. Chairman,
The world community looks towards the UN General Assembly to provide answers to major global concerns. This committee is challenged to answer with concrete steps and tangible results: when will the world be free from conflict, and war?

The UN-75 Declaration clearly states that international arms control, non-proliferation and disarmament agreements and their architectures need to be upheld.

We are judged not by the declaration but by our actions.

First, we must build on positive actions and developments

The entry into force of the TPNW, on 22 January 2021, marks a new beginning to establish a comprehensive norm and international mechanism against nuclear weapons. It will close a legal gap in the nuclear disarmament architecture and mutually complements the NPT. We must therefore work to universalize this very important treaty.
We look forward to participating in the first State Parties Meeting and call upon all states to take part and contribute constructively.

The extension of New START Treaty gives some relief to the world and is a welcome development. It should serve as a start towards fulfilling the most noble goal of ensuring total elimination of nuclear weapons.

The consensual adoption of the OEWG report also provides momentum for continued inclusive dialogue that can hopefully contribute to strengthen peace and security in the cyber domain. We welcome also the successful conclusion of GGE process that has its unique values and complements the OEWG’s deliberations. There are many other efforts, including the Program of Actions, which should be developed in a synergistic manner.

**Second, we need to inject momentum of actions to fulfill our commitments.**

The stagnancy with regard to ratification of CTBT, especially by Annex II states, has prevented the treaty from gaining its full strength. We call on Annex II states to sign and ratify the CTBT as a crucial nuclear disarmament building blocks through its entry into force.

In our own region, Indonesia reaffirms the ASEAN Political-Security Blueprint 2025 which envisions a Southeast Asia that as a zone free from all weapons of mass destruction. Indonesia calls for all States to make intensified efforts to resolve all outstanding issues, in accordance with the objectives and principles of the SEANWFZ Treaty. We urge the NWS to sign and ratify the treaty’s Protocol at the earliest.

The establishment of Middle East a Zone free from Nuclear Weapons and all other Weapons of Mass destruction remains distant. Indonesia underscores that the
comprehensive IAEA safeguards should be adhered to unconditionally in the region and elsewhere. All State Parties should not promote any narrative of exceptionalism, which will discredit the NPT by creating double standards.

Furthermore, the establishment of NWFZ where it is still inexistent, should be pursued.

Indonesia reiterates its support for ongoing efforts aimed at ensuring the full and effective implementation of the JCPOA by all sides. Indonesia would like to reiterate that JCPOA is a historic achievement within the framework of multilateral negotiations to address the issue of nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament.

**Third, we must address any concerning actions and developments.**

The failure of convening substantial session of the UNDC for three consecutive years due to non-substantive issues has greatly eroded the disarmament machinery. As UNDC is the main deliberative body on disarmament issues, the commencement of its substantive session is important to address the growing challenges and emerging threats. All States should redouble its efforts to make the convening of UNDC a reality.

The nuclear weapons policy as contained in the UK integrated review has demonstrated a clear case of noncompliance with the legal obligations of Article VI, as conveyed by the Non-Aligned State Parties to the NPT in April 2021. Indonesia calls on all NWS to refrain from any action that would run counter to the Treaty’s objective of total elimination of nuclear weapons and the cessation of the nuclear arms race.
In our region, increased presence of power projection assets, including through the recent AUKUS partnership, raises serious questions about the state of arms race, and commitments to nuclear non-proliferation obligations.

Amidst global fight against the pandemic and addressing its impacts, such alliances would potentially bring us further from our commitment to improve international peace and security, including in our region. Hence, Indonesia urges all states to maintain their commitment in accordance with relevant international law, and regional treaties to which they are parties, towards peace, stability and security.

Indonesia reiterates its call for a complete, verifiable, and irreversible denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. We look forward to the continued role of the IAEA and the CTBTO in the denuclearization verification process as well as for the DPRK, returning to the fold of the NPT, as a non-nuclear weapon state.

**Mr. Chairman,**

The call for actions mentioned before helps illustrate some expectation that the international community put on this committee to achieve.

Allow me to highlight some key works that we also need to attend to.

Indonesia fully supports the full and effective implementation of the UN Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (POA-SALW). We welcome the successful conclusion of its Biennial Meeting of States (BMS-7). We further call for a stronger international cooperation to support its implementation, especially to help build capacity developing countries prevent the illicit transfer of SALW.
We reaffirm that all weapons capable of massive and indiscriminate destruction are inherently immoral. No distinction and justification should be made for their possession, development, transfer and use. We must work to strengthen all relevant international instruments, such as the Biological Weapons Convention and the Chemical Weapons Convention, by implementing all obligations concerned and ensure its universalization. The institutional arrangements of the concerned instruments also need to be provided with adequate resources, mandates and independence in their work to maintain their credibility free from politicization.

Multilaterally agreed, efficient and inclusive verification system for all disarmament conventions and arms control agreements is key to increase trust and reduce tension.

On outer space, Indonesia reaffirms the need to address both the threats to and from space systems. Given the limitation of access to space technology, it is important to promote transparency and capacity building so as to reduce misunderstanding among states. We continue to attach great importance to the discussion of a legally binding instrument in this direction, to ensure exclusive peaceful use of space.

Mr. Chairman,

This year we commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the 1st Summit of the NAM. NAM founders resolutely rejected the view that war, including “cold war”, is inevitable. This view reflects a sense of both helplessness and hopelessness, and is contrary to the progress of the world.

We must equally reject such view from reverberating in this committee. Instead, learning from our battle against COVID-19, we must work together hand-in-hand to advance disarmament so that we can invest our resources for the peace and prosperity of our people.

Thank you.