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Statement of Mr. Nazim Khaldi,

First Secretary

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**Excellencies,  
Distinguished delegates,**

My delegation aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, the African Group and the Arab Group and would like to reaffirm the following principled positions on its national capacity.

*Starting with Nuclear Disarmament:*

Algeria remains fully committed to all the provisions of the **NPT**, and continues to call for its full and urgent implementation, as well as the full, non-discriminatory and balanced implementation of its three pillars. The upcoming NPT Review Conference is a timely opportunity to undertake a comprehensive review and assessment of the current status of the Treaty, the implementation of legal obligations and the fulfillment of the previous commitments undertaken within its framework.

Algeria welcomes the recent entry into force of the **TPNW** in January of this year. Having actively participated in the process of its drafting and adoption, Algeria is glad to be among the first countries to sign this Treaty and remains confident that this instrument constitutes a millstone achieved towards delegitimizing nuclear weapons.

In the same vein, Algeria reiterates the need to materialize the entry into force of the **CTBT** at the earliest time, and calls upon all parties, particularly the remaining eight (8) annex II countries, to sign and ratify the treaty as soon as possible. Algeria in its capacity as co-chair of the Article 14 Conference of the CTBT, from 2019 to 2021, spared no efforts, to work for the achievement of the entry into force of the CTBT, and will continue to do so.

Moreover, Algeria supports the establishment of **NWFZs** all over the world as a concrete step towards the complete and total elimination of nuclear weapons. In this respect, we welcome the

convening of the first Conference on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and other WMD, in 2019. We call on all invited parties to constructively participate in its second session, in November 2021, in order to negotiate a legally-binding Treaty that satisfies the implementation of the 1995 resolution on the **Middle East**.

Furthermore, my delegation stresses the urgent need for the conclusion of a legally binding instrument on **Negative Security Assurances** to all Non-Nuclear-Weapon States and calls for the immediate commencement of negotiations on **FMCT**.

Turning to other weapons of mass destruction:

Algeria remains convinced that the **CWC** and the **BWC** constitute relevant components of the international legal architecture and calls for their effective implementation.

In this regard, Algeria recalls that the full, balanced, and non-discriminatory implementation of all provisions of the CWC, in particular economic and technical development through international cooperation, is fundamental to the achievement of its objective.

In the meantime Algeria reaffirms the need to respect the principles enshrined in the CWC, and calls upon its State parties to avoid the polarization of the work of the Organization, while encouraging States Parties to continue working constructively in the interest of consensus.

On Outer Space:

Algeria stresses the importance of the prevention of an **arms race in outer space** through a legally binding instrument that would complement the international legal framework in a manner that allows the equal exploration of outer space, based on the principles of non appropriation and peaceful uses of outer

space in conformity with the five UN Treaties governing space activities.

Regarding the Conventional weapons:

The illicit trade of small arms and light weapons continues to be a serious threat to peace, security and stability in the world, particularly in Africa. For its part, Algeria continues to grant high priority to securing its borders, sparing no efforts in contributing in the fight against the scourge of terrorism, in particular in the Sahel region.

In this respect, Algeria remains committed to the **UN-PoA** on **SALW**, and actively calls for its full implementation in a balanced and comprehensive manner.

In this regard, we welcome the successful conclusion of the **BM7**, held in July 2021, and the adoption of its outcome document, including the expedient establishment of a dedicated fellowship training programme on small arms and light weapons particularly for developing countries.

As far as the rapid technological development and possible use of **Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS)** in armed conflict is deeply alarming, Algeria supports the continuation of the GGE LAWS work, with a strengthened mandate, in the context of the objectives and purposes of the CCW, and stresses the urgent need to pursue a legally-binding instrument on LAWS for addressing the humanitarian and international security challenges posed by the emerging technologies in the area of LAWS.

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**I thank you for your kind intention.**