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To Introduce the Draft Resolution Entitled: “Nuclear disarmament”
at the First Committee Thematic Debate on
Nuclear Weapons

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Mr. Chairman,

1. I have the honour to introduce the draft resolution entitled “Nuclear disarmament” as contained in A/69/C1/L31. To date, the following (46) delegations have joined as the co-sponsors: -

Algeria, Bangladesh, Belize, Benin, Brunei Darussalam, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Congo, Chad, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Fiji, Guinea, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Philippines, Samoa, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Uganda, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Zambia.

2. Nuclear weapons have the greatest destructive capacity of all weapons. Hence, nuclear disarmament has always been our utmost priority. The unanimous decision by the International Court of Justice has expressed that there exists an obligation for all States to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control.

3. The draft resolution calls upon the Conference on Disarmament to commence negotiations on a phased programme of nuclear disarmament leading to the total elimination of nuclear weapons within a specified framework of time.

4. The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) is a cornerstone of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. Therefore, we reiterate the call for all nuclear-weapon States, particularly those with the largest nuclear arsenals, to take, fully and immediately, the 13 practical steps for nuclear disarmament that are contained in the Final Document of the 2000 NPT Review Conference, as well as the 22-point Action Plan on Nuclear Disarmament contained in the Final Document of the 2010 NPT Review Conference.

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5. The draft resolution calls on Nuclear-Weapon-States to provide effective assurances to all Non-Nuclear-Weapon-States (NNWS) against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons, pending the total elimination of nuclear weapons. Securing an early agreement on a universal, unconditional, irrevocable and legally-binding instrument on Negative Security Assurances is extremely important to all Non-Nuclear-Weapon-States.

6. We strongly believe that internationally recognized treaties on the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free-zones in different regions of the world effectively contribute to the strengthening of global nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regimes. Therefore, the draft resolution encourages Member States to continue their endeavors for establishing nuclear-weapon-free zones where they do not exist, including in the Middle East.

7. In addition to the technical updates, we have brought the latest developments on board. The draft resolution welcomes the establishment of September 26 as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, as well as the convening of the General Assembly Ministerial Plenary Meeting to commemorate the Day. It also carefully takes note of the Oslo and Nayarit Conferences on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons, as well as the upcoming Third Conference to be held in Vienna, Austria, in December this year.

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8. Due to the limited time available to me, I can only highlight the main elements of the draft resolution. Our draft resolution is a comprehensive one focusing on the practical steps to achieve the total elimination of nuclear weapons. The draft resolution calls for actions by various players in order that a world free of nuclear weapons, as we earnestly envisioned, can be realized. On this note, we would like to invite all Member States to continue giving a strong support to our draft resolution.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.
