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Introducing draft resolution entitled "Nuclear disarmament"

at the First Committee Thematic Discussion on Nuclear Weapons

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Mr. Chairman,

1. I take the floor to introduce draft resolution A/C.1/72/L.18.

2. Nuclear weapons are the most dangerous weapons on earth. One nuclear weapon alone can destroy a mega city, kill millions, and endanger the natural environment. And our future generations shall live through its long-term catastrophic effects. The dangers from nuclear weapons arise from their very existence. The only absolute guarantee to prevent mankind from the danger of such weapons is their total elimination.

3. As High Representative for Disarmament Affairs has pointed out, more than 15,000 nuclear weapons remain in the world, with many on high levels of alert.

4. Nuclear weapons beget nuclear weapons. We are witnessing such trends, ambitions and actions on the ground.

5. With this conviction and on behalf of a number of co-sponsors so far, namely **Angola, Cuba, Ecuador, Eritrea, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Namibia, Nicaragua, Samoa, Swaziland, Thailand, Tonga, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zimbabwe**, my delegation once again tabled our traditional resolution on "Nuclear Disarmament" as contained in draft resolution A/C.1/72/L.18.

6. The draft resolution is a comprehensive approach to nuclear disarmament and focuses on practical steps.

7. In addition to technical updates, the draft resolution in its PP 19 reflects the efforts by the Presidents and of the working group on the "way ahead" in the Conference on Disarmament in line with the report of the Conference.

8. PP 28 expresses deep concern about the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any nuclear weapon use. PP 32 welcomes the successful adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons on 7 July this year.

9. This draft resolution unequivocally represents the views, aspirations and convictions of two thirds of the UN member states on nuclear disarmament.

10. My delegation thanks the member states cosponsoring and supporting the resolution all along, and invites all to lend your support by voting in favour of it this year.

Thank you.

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