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Mr. President

The 11th Review Conference of the NPT will start in just over one month. In order to make progress, even incrementally, toward a world without nuclear weapons, we must work to maintain and strengthen the NPT, the cornerstone of the global nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation architecture.

The Review Conference must above all reaffirm States Parties' commitment to the NPT. Japan remains committed to actively contributing to the dialogue and discussions at the Review Conference.

Furthermore, DPRK's nuclear and missile development poses a serious challenge to the integrity and credibility of the NPT. A strong message must be sent by the international community at the Review Conference.

Japan has long advocated for a realistic and practical approach to nuclear disarmament, taking the lead in various initiatives for this purpose. As part of such efforts, Japan has submitted a resolution on the elimination of nuclear weapons to the First Committee of the UN General Assembly every year since 1994 to present the international community a set of concrete measures to be taken.

Japan hopes that the concrete measures proposed by the resolution will contribute to global efforts to achieve a world without nuclear weapons, engaging nuclear-weapon States and non-nuclear weapons States alike in this endeavour.

Mr. President,

Japan reiterates the importance of the early commencement of negotiations on a Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty (FMCT). The Shannon Mandate provides a common foundation upon which we can consolidate our collective wisdom, and Japan will continue its efforts to build political momentum toward the start of FMCT negotiations.

Pending the treaty's entry into force, we also call upon all relevant States to declare or maintain moratoria on the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons.

Japan also urges all states to sign and ratify the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, particularly the remaining States listed in Annex 2. Pending the CTBT's entry into force, Japan urges all relevant States to declare or maintain moratoria on nuclear test explosions.

We also reaffirm the necessity of strengthening the verification regime to ensure the effectiveness of the CTBT. For that, all signatory States must strive to maintain the International Monitoring System (IMS).

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Transparency and accountability is another area to which Japan attaches great importance. Enhanced transparency on nuclear doctrines and arsenals is essential to advance nuclear disarmament. We call on nuclear-weapon States to promote effective and responsible transparency measures.

Strengthening the Review Process (SRP) remains the most promising area for achieving a tangible outcome at the Review Conference. We should make every effort to decide on concrete measures, including reporting of comparable and numerical information by the nuclear-weapon States and interactive discussions on their national reports.

Lastly, it is essential to raise public awareness of the realities of the use of nuclear weapons and the threat posed by their proliferation, as well as how to overcome these challenges. Disarmament and non-proliferation education is a useful and effective means to this end.

Last year, Japan delivered the joint statement on disarmament and non-proliferation education on behalf of 96 States Parties at the NPT Third Preparatory Committee. We look forward to more States Parties joining this statement this year at the Review Conference.

As the only country to have ever suffered atomic bombings during war, Japan stands ready to further cooperate with CD Member States to promote practical and concrete measures towards a world without nuclear weapons.

Thank you, Mr. President

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