

UAE Statement before the general debate of the

Nuclear Disarmament

Madam President,

With regards to the issue of nuclear disarmament, UAE considers that the total elimination of these weapons, as clearly called for by the Treaty, is the only way to guarantee their non-use, including the threat of use. UAE welcomes the steps taken by the United States and the Russian Federation to reduce their nuclear weapons, and acknowledges the importance of adopting transparent measures to verify nuclear weapons disarmament. We hope that the NPT Review results in positive outcomes and stipulates practical steps towards disarmament, while noting that the lack of progress in these commitments is a source of great concern to non-nuclear states. In this context, the UAE supports discussions on the grave humanitarian consequences of the use of nuclear weapons.

Middle East

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Achieving a world free of nuclear weapons requires serious efforts by the international community towards the universalization of the NPT.

In this context, the UAE renews its persistent call for States non-party to join the Treaty promptly. Especially regarding the Middle East, UAE reiterates its call for Israel to join the NPT as a non-nuclear weapon state and place all its nuclear facilities under the IAEA's comprehensive safeguards.

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This point leads me to point to some of the challenges associated with establishing, in the Middle East, a Zone free from nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction.

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The success of achieving the Treaty's objectives lies in the full implementation of all its provisions. Therefore, all the key principles should be maintained and strengthened without exception. This is what we hope this conference will achieve.

Thank you,