

**German Statement**  
**in the NPT Review Conference General Debate**

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Treaties are important anchors of stability. The NPT remains a crucial cornerstone of the international security architecture and a source of peaceful cooperation between its members. Few treaties have contributed in such a substantial manner to making this world a safer place.

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This said, Germany agrees with many delegations that the implementation of the Action Plan is too slow. Ladies and gentlemen!

With regard to non-proliferation, as a member of the P5+1, Germany is actively involved in finding a diplomatic solution to one of the most pressing issues of our time. Germany welcomes the political understanding reached in the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action and strongly hope that a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action can address the concerns of the international community regarding Iran's nuclear programme, can be worked out by the end of the year. Unfortunately, regarding the other major non-proliferation issues, Germany has to report. Germany condemns in the strongest terms the development of nuclear and ballistic missile programmes.

It is important to ensure full compliance with all IAEA programmes. A

In the context of the Agency and its safeguards, the IAEA's budget has been in excess of 35 years.

Technical Support

Germany also has not yet done so as possible. Some 30 years. The situation in this respect.

**Maintaining nuclear security is a complex task under peaceful and stable conditions – and a very serious and demanding challenge in times of crisis such as we are facing today in many regions of the globe.**

**With regard to nuclear disarmament, Germany is convinced that further progress is needed to achieve the goal of a world without nuclear weapons in line with Article VI of the NPT. This Review Conference is taking place almost 70 years after the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The memory of the horrific human suffering and destruction lives on.**

**This meeting is also taking place after discussions on the catastrophic humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons detonations at the three International Conferences held during this Review Cycle. We agree that we have to reduce global nuclear arsenals.**

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