

Statement of the Republic of Estonia

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Madame President, Distinguished Delegates,

Let me first start by expressing, on behalf of the Estonian Government and people, our heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the people of Nepal and to all those affected by the disastrous earthquake that hit the country. We stand ready to assure our assistance and support in this grievous situation.

At the outset, allow me to congratulate you on assuming the position of the President of this important Review Conference and assure you of our firm support in your efforts to achieve a successful, comprehensive and balanced outcome. You can fully count on my personal support in my capacity as Vice-President of this Review Conference on behalf of the Eastern European Group.

Aligning ourselves fully with the statement made yesterday by the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy H.E. Ms. Federica Mogherini on behalf of the European Union, we would like to highlight some specific issues to which Estonia attaches **particular importance** at this Review Conference.

international legal norms, as well as its international commitments, to end its illegal annexation of Crimea and to take immediate and concrete steps to fully implement the Minsk agreements.

We remain committed to treaty-based nuclear disarmament and arms control stressing the need to renew multilateral efforts to revitalize multilateral negotiating bodies, in particular the **Conference** on **Disarmament including its future enlargement** compasses global concerns and we believe that those concerns should be negotiated on a non-discriminatory, transparent and multilateral basis, with the wider participation of interested states. At this point, I

fullest possible international cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.