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GENERAL DEBATE

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Madam President,

With the opening for signature of the NPT in 1968, the foundations were laid for a world free from nuclear weapons. States with and without nuclear weapons capabilities overcame their differences to agree on a balance between the three equally important and mutually reinforcing pillars of the NPT non-proliferation, disarmament, and peaceful use of nuclear technology. The NPT has withstood the test of time and played a decisive role in preventing nuclear proliferation.

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treaty is clear: disarmament and non-proliferation must be pursued simultaneously. The nuclear powers must uphold their end of the deal and take active measures to rid themselves of nuclear stockpiles. It is their legal obligation under Article VI of the treaty and a moral duty

On the positive side, we are encouraged by the recent successful adoption of a framework agreement between the P5+1 and the Islamic Republic of Iran. This valiant negotiation effort reminds us of the value of effective diplomacy. We hope that a comprehensive agreement can be reached by the end of June and look forward to its full implementation and the effective monitoring thereof.

Madam President,

The use of nuclear weapons inflicts immense suffering on large numbers of innocent human beings. Its consequences cannot be contained within space or time. It is a serious violation of international humanitarian law and our basic human values. We commend the government of Austria for convening the Third International Conference on Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons in December of last year. My country has endorsed

ledge and is committed to all its principles.

In conclusion, let me reiterate that Liechtenstein remains fully committed to the implementation of the NPT and supports complete disarmament efforts. There is no place for Cold War mentality. We should therefore not allow this Conference to pass without concrete new agreements and commitments on the road to nuclear zero world.

I thank you.