

PHILIPPINE STATEMENT

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afternoon.

Conferences towards a consensus outcome that we had hoped would take us closer to achieving our objectives until we meet again in 2015.

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it were replete with positive momentum and good news stories that ushered our work at the last Review Conference. Impetus that was

Under nuclear disarmament, Article II Section 8 of the Philippine

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of nuclear weapons within our territory. From this policy emanates the Philippines' goals of maintaining international and regional peace and stability; promoting a nuclear weapon-free world; and ensuring the country's and the Filipino people's protection from the threat or use of weapons of mass destruction.

Over the years, the Philippines has strongly supported initiatives to highlight the humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons. Most

recently, the Philippines has endorsed the Austrian Declaration which
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Treaty and has promoted its universalization at the bilateral, regional and international fora.

The Philippines has also consistently called for the principles of

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irreversibility, verifiability and transparency in implementing the NPT. We have joined hands with the members of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (NDPI) to push for transparency measures, as well as with a group of States that are looking into nuclear verification systems.

The Philippine Government has worked together with civil society organizations and educational institutions to raise awareness about

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On the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the Philippines uses nuclear techniques to help secure a safe and clean environment, to improve

agricultural productivity, to enhance industry competitiveness, to provide quality healthcare, and to ensure nuclear safety and security.

While taking national actions in line with its international

commitments, the Philippines has also partnered with other

Philippine Priorities for the 15 NPT Review Conference

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This Review Conference must be a step forward, and not backward, from 2010. Efforts must be made in order to bolster the agreements in

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In closing Madam President, undoubtedly there is a lot of work ahead of us. The quest for consensus will be difficult but if we allow diplomacy and dialogue to guide our work, armed with the requisite political will, we believe we can achieve something concrete and meaningful by the end of our Review Conference.

Thank you.