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**Concluding Remarks by Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran**  
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Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons  
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***In the Name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.***

**Mr. Chairman,**

I congratulate you for steering the work of the Committee so skillfully. We count on your able leadership in guiding our deliberations on nuclear disarmament next year.

Due to the coincidence of the Treaty's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the 2020 Review Conference, it is a special event, where we must review the Treaty's operation in the past 50 years. Our *past lessons* should guide the Treaty's future.

Treaty's operation with respect to *non-proliferation* is an absolute success story.

Conversely, its operation on *nuclear disarmament* is a complete failure. This is the Treaty's main *chronic challenge*.

It is like a heart disease which needs immediate attention. If NPT's heart fails, non-proliferation will collapse completely.

To ensure NPT's life, validity, credibility and effectiveness, we must reverse this trend. This is not only an option; it is the *only option*.

Therefore, in 2020 we have to set aside all fantasy, symbolic and secondary topics and focus only on one subject: concluding a *Comprehensive Convention on Nuclear Weapons*, which is the long-standing demand of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Non-nuclear-weapon States are completely frustrated by the 50-year lack of progress on nuclear disarmament as a result of such meaningless notions as *strategic stability*, *international security environment*, *step by step approach*, and now creating *CONDITIONS for nuclear disarmament*. They served only one purpose: a *delay tactic*.

We must not allow this to happen again. In 2020, we must say loud and clear: enough is enough.

Over the past 50 years, the *graciousness* and patience of the non-nuclear-weapon States have been abused and responded by *bullying*.

The living example is the *nuclear policy of the U.S.*. After 50 years of non-compliance with its explicit legal obligation under article VI, it now plans to spend 1.2 trillion dollars over nuclear arsenal; it brazenly threatens non-nuclear-weapon States with nuclear weapons; it shamelessly neglects all its commitments that has undertaken in 1995, 2000 and 2010; it indicated in 2015 that for the U.S., the illegal and illegitimate interests of the Zionist regime -- a non-NPT party -- is more important than that of around 190 States parties to the Treaty as well as their consensus resolution in 1995 and their decision in 2010 on the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East; and the list goes on and on.

This *50-year old non-compliance* must come to an end. Therefore, the only focus of the 2020 Review Conference must be to agree on negotiations and conclusion of a *Comprehensive Convention on Nuclear Weapons* which is the long-standing demand of the Non-Aligned Movement and to start implementing all *unimplemented decisions* of the past Review conferences, and above all resolution 1995 on the Middle East.

Obviously, promoting the full realization of the inherent rights of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy should be among other priority issues.

Finally, in the Review Conference, we will fully cooperate with all delegations who are willing to work towards evolving it to a turning point in realizing the long overdue objective of nuclear disarmament.

We must agree on a phased program within the context of a *Comprehensive Convention on Nuclear Weapons* in order to consume all nuclear weapons together before they consume us all together. This is what we need for the security of our own, our children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and the generations to come.

**I thank you, Mr. Chairman.**