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Statement

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at the General Debate of the First Committee

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Mr. Chairman,

1. At the outset, on behalf of the delegation of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, I wish to extend our warmest congratulations to you on your election as Chairperson of the First Committee as well as to the other members of the Bureau. I wish to assure you our full support and cooperation in the discharge of your duty.

2. My delegation associates itself with the statement made earlier by the representatives of the Republic of Indonesia on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and the statement delivered by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on behalf of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN). However, I would like to make a few remarks in my national capacity.

Mr. Chairman,

3. This year marks the 70th anniversary of the United Nations since it came into existence after the Second World War ended in which its main objectives are to promote international peace, security and development cooperation, aiming at ensuring that all mankind live in peace and achieve social progress.

4. Disarmament and non-proliferation are top of the United Nations agenda that all Member States must support in order to maintain and promote international peace and security. In light of this, the Lao PDR attaches great importance to the work of the First Committee.

5. The existence of weapons of mass destruction (WMD), in particular, nuclear weapons remains a matter of serious concern to all people and countries. The Lao PDR consistently holds the view that only through the total elimination of nuclear weapons, the international community could ensure an absolute guarantee against the use or threat of use of such weapons. Therefore, we welcomes the General Assembly Meeting to Commemorate the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons held on 30th September 2015 and the 9th Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) on 29th September 2015 which aim at enhancing public awareness and promote education about the threat posed to humanity by nuclear weapons.

Mr. Chairman,

6. We are all well aware that NPT has played a significant role in the field of nuclear disarmament. The three pillars of Nuclear Non-Proliferation, Nuclear