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Introducing the Draft Resolution Entitled “Nuclear disarmament”

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Mr. Chairman,

Thank you for this opportunity to participate in the thematic discussions on Nuclear weapons. 2015 is a landmark year for the United Nations and for Myanmar as well.

The United Nations has turned 70, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development has been successfully adopted. As for Myanmar, on 8 August 2015, the Government of Myanmar acceded to the Chemical Weapons Convention, and we have now become the 191st member of the OPCW. These progressive steps clearly demonstrate our strong commitment and dedication to the cause of disarmament.

Mr. Chair,

The continued existence of nuclear weapons and deployment stands as one of the most serious security challenges, posing the gravest threat to the very existence of mankind and the survival of the civilization. The only absolute guarantee against a nuclear catastrophe is the complete and total elimination of nuclear weapons. For this reason, Myanmar has the honor of tabling yearly, in this Committee, a draft resolution entitled "Nuclear disarmament".

In fact, this resolution was first introduced in 1995 and had since enjoyed strong support, mainly from, the Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement. It is now my great honor to introduce, once again, the draft resolution.

This year, the draft resolution contains both technical and factual updates incorporating the inputs made by Member States, sharing the determination to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons.

I am introducing it on behalf of the following cosponsors, namely, **Algeria, Bangladesh, Belize, Benin, Brunei Darussalam, Bolivia, Cambodia, Chad,**

Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Fiji, Guinea, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malawi, Malaysia, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Philippines, Senegal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Uganda, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Viet Nam and Zambia.

Mr. Chair,

Due to the limited time available, I will not go through the details of the elements that have been updated in the draft resolution. But I would like to highlight the fact that the draft resolution is comprehensive and focuses on concrete, practical steps to achieve a safer world without nuclear weapons.

Before concluding, I would like to invite all Member States to continue to lend their strong support to the draft resolution when the First Committee takes action on it.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.
