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**Thank you, Mr. Chairman.**

Mr. Chairman, allow me to express my congratulations to you for assuming the Presidency of the 2016 Substantive Session of the United Nations Disarmament Commission. My delegation is confident that under your able guidance we will proactively move forward in our work and fulfill the mandate of this Commission.

**Mr. Chairman,**

The importance of UNDC is unquestionable. It is the main subsidiary body of the United Nations General Assembly on disarmament matters. It is the sole deliberative body within the UN multilateral machinery that allows for in-depth discussions on specific issues of disarmament, leading to submission of concrete recommendations to the General Assembly.

Regrettably, since 1999, we have been unable to submit such recommendations and thus, unable to fulfill the mandate of this Disarmament Commission. The last session, although promising, fell short of delivering recommendations to the GA. It is our collective responsibility to overcome the impasse that has plagued UNDC since the turn of the century. It is up to us, the Member States of the United Nations, to come together and revitalize this Commission.

At this point in time, I believe that we could achieve promising results. Nevertheless, in order to achieve such result, all UN Member States should display the necessary political will to reach agreement on recommendations. We urge all UN Member States to exhibit increased political will, flexibility, and cooperation during this new cycle.

**Mr. Chairman,**

The Royal Government of Cambodia reaffirms its principled position on nuclear disarmament and emphasizes that the total elimination of nuclear weapons is the only guarantee against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons. Nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation in all its aspects is essential to strengthening international peace and security and promoting the rule of law at the national and international levels.

In this regard, we emphasize the importance of the principles of transparency, irreversibility, and international verifiability in NWS's (Nuclear Weapons States') fulfillment of nuclear disarmament obligations. Moreover, in view of the central role of the United Nations as a universal multilateral framework for consideration of disarmament issues, non-proliferation agreements should be addressed through inclusive, open, non-discriminatory processes, and should not impose restrictions on access to nuclear technology, materials, and equipment for peaceful purposes required by developing countries.

While considering that the NPT remains the cornerstone to address nuclear weapons, it is disappointed that the 2015 Review Conference failed to arrive at a consensus to adopt a final document, leading to the uncertainty on our collective efforts to implement the international instrument. Despite the fact, my country upholds the principles and purposes of the treaty, and our commitment towards total elimination of nuclear weapons must be resolute.

Given the concerns over the threats of security and peace through nuclear and missile tests, it is imperative that we work harder to strengthen the relevant international instruments, including the NPT and to put the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) in to force.

**Mr. Chairman,**

Once again, I would like to underscore the need for strong and genuine political will in support of the United Nations Disarmament Commission and its mandate.

I wish you, Mr. Chairman, every success in your work and hope that under your able guidance, we can achieve positive results to advance global disarmament and non-proliferation agenda.

**Thank you, Mr. Chairman.**