

Delegation: Iran

Honorable Chair and Distinguished Delegates,

The Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran is fully aware of the existence of nuclear weapons and understands what a great threat such weapons are to world peace. Iran has been working tirelessly since 1974 to generate electricity via nuclear power plants, simply so that the country has enough energy to drive a modern economy. While there may be sovereign states that question our motives, let me remind delegates that the Islamic Republic of Iran has signed the Treaty of Non-Proliferation, stating that Iran will not produce nuclear weapons whatsoever. The Non-Proliferation Treaty gives Iran a legal right to an enrichment program as part of our civilian nuclear energy program. I can assure all delegates that Iran treats its responsibilities in this matter very seriously in accordance with the fundamental principles of this fine organization.

The Islamic Republic of Iran is extremely proud to be one of only a few countries in the world that has developed nuclear technology for peaceful purposes. We are delighted that the UN Secretary General, Ban Ki Moon has welcomed the continued peaceful dialogue between Iran and the IAEA. However the delegation of Iran is very concerned that this assembly is misinformed about Iran's nuclear technology program. Western media have distorted the truth and portrayed Iran as a country that is seeking to develop nuclear armaments. This is far from the truth. Iran is concerned about world peace and political stability in this region and to this end Iran calls on those nations who have developed nuclear weapons to disarm immediately.

Let me reiterate once again that Iran is fully committed to the Non-Proliferation Treaty. As evidence of this commitment we are pleased with the recent developments and successful negotiations with our new friend the United States of America. We welcome the IAEA to come and visit the beautiful country of Iran and to inspect our nuclear power plants whenever they chose, as Iran has nothing to hide. The Islamic Republic of Iran is now working in a new era and we are excited to participate and help develop sensible outcomes to the proliferation of nuclear weapons, which can only be a huge risk to humanity.

I yield the floor to the Chair.

Delegation: Philippines

Commission: Nuclear Disarmament

The Question of Nuclear Disarmament

POLICY STATEMENT

Honorable Chairs and Distinguished Delegates,

The Philippines has been involved in most of the treaties regarding the case of disarming nuclear weapons such as the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), which was signed in 1972 and other treaties which include Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), Partial Test Ban Treaty (PTBT), IAEA Safeguards Agreement (INFCIRC 216), and the IAEA Additional Protocol. However, in 1976, President Ferdinand Marcos built the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant to address the 1973 oil crisis. The Bataan Nuclear Power Plant was never operational and the government stopped building the project in 1979, which completely nullified the nuclear capabilities of the Philippines. As of today, the Philippines stands as a Southeastern Nuclear free zone member to safeguard the safety of the people.

The Philippines supports all measures, including new movements to disarmament that would lead to the achievement of international peace and security. We also support all efforts to reduce or eliminate weapons of mass destruction and encourage Nuclear Weapon States to fulfill their duties under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT). We will continue to assist and join efforts to convince States not party to terminate Chemical Weapons and any Nuclear Testing. Philippines also support regional efforts particularly in the ASEAN or Association of Southeast Asian Nation (ASEAN) to create a Southeast Asian Nuclear Weapons Free Zone Treaty (SEANWFZ). The Philippines expresses concerns over the danger posed by nuclear weapons and given the chance that it might be in the possession of non-participants in the NPT treaty.

The Philippines firmly believes that the path to achieving our goal of a nuclear weapon-free world is through a Nuclear Weapons Convention to show transparency in which it will declare nuclear weapons, their use, and their possession as illegal. The Philippines also wishes that all countries can cooperate to stop the production of Nuclear Weapons in order to reduce the threats of attack and devastation of nuclear weapons. The Philippines is ready to support and cooperate with other countries that share their same goal of reducing nuclear weapons. We look forward to join with your country in solving this issue.

(I yield the floor to the Chairs)

Operative Clauses

Calls for all countries that haven't signed the NPT such as North Korea, Pakistan, Israel to disarm for the safety of civilians on the Next Nuclear Weapon Convention held by the United Nations.

Urges all the states to join the Chemical Weapon Convention and implement nonproliferation of all chemical weapons to put a stop to the threat of another nuclear or chemical attack.

Further request all nuclear weapon states to declare their nuclear arsenal and be more transparent to decrease the threat of nuclear weapons within states and help other states to see clearly the progress of disarmament.