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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation wishes to extend its gratitude to the Secretary-General for his reports on this important subject and welcome the increased interests of member states to revitalizing of our multilateral approach to conduct negotiation and reach binding international agreements as a preferred universal tool.

Ethiopia fully aligns itself with the statements made by Nigeria and Indonesia on behalf of the African Group and the Non-Aligned Movement respectively.

Mr. Chairman,

Ethiopia firmly believes that multilateralism remains the most reliable and effective setting to comprehensively address critical global issues of international peace and security, including disarmament in its holistic aspects. Indeed, continued multilateral engagements and negotiations are core instruments to effectively curb the proliferation of both conventional and non-conventional weapons, which have increasingly become real threat to the preservation of world peace, security and stability. There are no viable options to multilateral binding agreements then to use the already tested mechanisms which have been put in place for many years now. This is, among other disarmament organs, to Conference on Disarmament which has a real and sole global negotiating forum for a member of critical disarmament issues.

Nuclear weapons and other WMD continue to challenge peace and security of the globe. There making by our disarmament machineries, particularly Conference on Disarmament revitalization be expedite and begin its work without further delay.
Mr. Chairman,

In this regard, political will of individual states can, of course, make significant difference; particularly those, who possess nuclear-weapons can play positive role through tangible policy measures on disarmament areas. But as far as the United Nations is concerned, multilateralism should be a high priority to address international threat emanating from the use of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass distraction.

Therefore, it is global mandate to have robust, effective and efficient multilateral mechanisms with appropriate machineries to take forward the negotiations process of nuclear disarmament, a Treaty banning of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other explosive devices, prevention of an arms race in outer space, and effective international arrangements to ensure nuclear free world with clear time frame and concrete verification tools to effectively control possible threats of use of nuclear and other weapons deadly.

Mr. Chairman,

It is evident that revitalization of the multilateral disarmament machineries remained a top issue for almost all member states, and that we all agree today the world is under intense pressure of insecurity emanating mainly from arms race among countries. As we speak about the world security, the perceived or real threat of use of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass distraction by non-state actors such terrorist groups are by no means put aside as a less concern issue. Nuclear weapons and its devices if acquired by those groups or on the wrong hands of their extremist affiliates, the danger will be catastrophic and unimaginable. This should not be allowed by any means; and therefore, the only safe alternative is “the total elimination of nuclear weapons and other WMD” through multilateral, bilateral and trilateral negotiations.
Mr. Chairman,

Sticking and strengthening international regimes of arms control and non-proliferation can only be achieved within the framework of the existing multilateral disarmament mechanisms, particularly the Conference on Disarmament, and it is important to enable this mechanism to begin work and rather it is not the right time to seek for other disarmament forum, Ethiopia therefore, strongly believes in maintaining and revitalizing Conference on Disarmament (CD), which is single and proven multilateral forum that we have in our multilateral system today.

My delegation in this regard wishes to command the efforts made by CD president this year to reach censuses on programme of work, and welcomes the establishment of the Informal Working Group (IWG) with mandate to produce a robust programme of work in substantive and progressive way.

Mr. Chairman,

In closing, Mr. Chairman, Ethiopia continues to remain committed to work with international and regional communities in all agreed and negotiated multilateral mechanisms. And strengthening international regimes of arms control and non-proliferation can only be achieved within the framework of the existing multilateral disarmament mechanisms, particularly in the context of sole and universally negotiating forum.

I thank you