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Thank you Madame Chair.

First and for most my delegation wishes to congratulate you, Madame Chair, upon your appointment as Chairperson of this open-ended informal consultative meeting, as well as to assure you of my delegation's constructive engagement.

My delegation also wishes to extend its appreciation to the statement delivered by the High Representative of Disarmament Affairs, as well as statements delivered by Germany and the Netherlands respectively.

My delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by the esteemed Delegation of Thailand on behalf of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), and wishes to add the following points in its national capacity.

Madame Chair,

Indonesia's position towards a future treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices is very clear, that it should be legally binding and that it is incumbent upon the Conference on Disarmament to deliberate and negotiate the treaty without further delay. We believe that such a treaty could contribute practically to achieving a world without nuclear weapons, to non-proliferations in all its aspects with the view of enhancing global security.

While it is regrettable that the Conference on Disarmament has yet to arrive to an agreement on this issue following the issuance of the report of the Group of Governmental Experts which was established on the basis of GA resolution 67/53, to make recommendations on possible aspects that could contribute to but not negotiate a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, my delegation remains consistent that negotiations on fissile material must commence and that every international efforts aimed at bringing forward this process must be supported.

It is based on this premise, Madame Chair that Indonesia supported and voted in favor of resolution A/71/259 at the 71<sup>st</sup> Session UNGA, entitled "Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices". It is our hope that with the adoption of this resolution and with the commencement of this current process, progress on substantive elements of a treaty in the context of the current deadlock at the CD will be a reality.

Madame Chair,

Indonesia considers that a future treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices should be legally binding, non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable, and that document CD/1299, and the mandate contained therein, remains the most suitable basis on which future negotiations can commence.

A future treaty's scope must set out the legal obligations that States parties will be required to fulfil, and that these obligations should be formulated in terms of prohibited as opposed to permitted activities. It must strive to prohibit existing stocks and future production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices. This should be the treaty's underlying obligation, applying consistently to all states parties in a non-discriminatory manner.

In conclusion, Madame Chair, Indonesia looks forward to contribute to the discussions in the context of the recently established high-level fissile material cut-off treaty expert preparatory group pursuant to GA resolution 71/259.

My delegation also wishes to highlight the need for this current process to remain transparent and inclusive, as amply demonstrated in this morning's informal consultative meeting.

Rest assured Madame Chair of Indonesia's continued constructive engagement on the issue at hand, and we look forward to a constructive consultation today and tomorrow.

Thank you.

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