

## Joint Statement on Reducing the Risk of Nuclear Conflict

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Mr. Chair

I am taking the floor on behalf of 50 states, Austria, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, Slovenia, Sweden, Spain, Thailand, Türkiye, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and my own country, Switzerland.

Building on the significant work undertaken during the current review cycle, we reaffirm our commitment to advancing risk reduction as an essential complement to — not a substitute for — nuclear disarmament.

The current deteriorating security environment demands urgent action in the field of risk reduction.

The preamble to the NPT opens with the recognition of "the devastation that would be visited upon all mankind by a nuclear war and the consequent need to make every effort to avert the danger of such a war". While Nuclear-Weapon States bear the primary responsibility for preventing nuclear use, all States Parties to the NPT share a stake in ensuring that this critical objective is met.

The 13 Practical Steps of 2000 and the 2010 Action Plan already include measures aimed at reducing the risk of nuclear conflict.

And a rich tradition of risk reduction measures — ranging from crisis communication channels, notification mechanisms, doctrinal transparency dialogues, negative security assurances, to formal arms control agreements — has helped prevent nuclear conflict for decades.

These measures must be maintained, and the current level of risk requires that they not only be implemented but further strengthened and expanded on by the relevant States parties. We welcome the efforts already made in this regard. Enhancing communication, predictability, and stability should be at the center of these efforts.

The NPT Review Conference should reaffirm the prevention of nuclear war as a central priority and ensure that its outcome reflects this imperative through concrete, actionable commitments. Our objective is to move from dialogue to action, from proposals to implementation, through the swift development of concrete, credible, and practical measures that reduce the risk of nuclear conflict.

Pending the elimination of nuclear weapons, risk reduction goes hand in hand with our unwavering commitment to Article VI and contributes to its fulfillment. The case for action has never been clearer. We encourage this Review Conference to give renewed impetus to this urgent matter and stand ready to work with all States Parties to find common ground.

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