

POSITION PAPER OF THE DELEGATE OF ARMENIA

AGENDA: Reducing Nuclear Danger

COMMITTEE: UNGA (United Nations General Assembly)

ALLOTMENT: The Delegate of Armenia

'Now I am become Death, the destroyer of worlds.'

~ Robert Oppenheimer

A nuclear weapon, or weapon of mass destruction as we currently understand them, has the power to instantly wipe out an entire planet. The biggest threat to international peace and security is unquestionably the use of nuclear weapons, whether accidentally, unintentionally, or due to mistakes. During World War II in 1945, the horrors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were evidence of the use of nuclear bombs. In addition, the States has conducted more than 2,000 nuclear tests, adding insult to injury. According to current estimates, more than half of the world's population still owns weapons or is a part of nuclear alliances. To create peace and order in the world, all states should concentrate on complete nuclear disarmament.

The Delegate of Armenia would want to make it clear that although our nation does deploy ballistic missile systems as a defense precaution, we do not have a nuclear, biological, or a chemical weapons program. Armenia only has one nuclear power reactor in operation, which has raised serious questions about its safety record. This delegate would like to make it clear that these nuclear power facilities are only there to generate electricity for our own nation, not to endanger or hurt any other nations. This Metsamor Nuclear Power Plant generates over 40% of Armenia's power. Armenia has joined the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention, also known as the BTWC, which calls for the elimination of biological weapons.

The Delegate of Armenia would want to suggest a few ways to completely abolish nuclear weapons. First, establishing a military hotline between rival states can facilitate and advance negotiations. Second, the organization of a UN conference to draught a legally enforceable agreement to outlaw nuclear weapons and bring about their complete abolition should strengthen international relations and foster mutual confidence between warring nations. The General Assembly will review and decide how to move forward after receiving a report from the conference on its progress. To avoid any unintentional or accidental use of nuclear weapons, this delegate thinks that the nuclear doctrines should be reviewed.

The Delegate of Armenia would like to end this position paper by saying that,

“Քանի դեռ ցանկացած պետություն միջուկային զենք ունի, մյուսները դա կցանկանան: Քանի դեռ այդպիսի զինատեսակները մտում են, դա հակասում է վստահությանը, որ դրանք մի օր չեն օգտագործվի պատահաբար, սխալ հաշվարկով կամ դիզայնով: Եվ ցանկացած նման օգտագործում աղետալի կլինի: Բախտ է, որ աշխարհը մինչ այժմ խուսափել է նման աղետից.”

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