



MALAYSIA

PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

(Please check against delivery)

**STATEMENT BY
H.E. AMBASSADOR RAMLAN IBRAHIM
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MALAYSIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
MAIN COMMITTEE 2 OF THE 2015 REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE TREATY ON
THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS
NEW YORK, 4 MAY 2015**

Mr. Chairman,

Malaysia congratulates you, on your appointment as Chairman of Main Committee 2 of the 2015 NPT Review Conference. My delegation assures you of our full support in presiding over the important work of this Committee. Malaysia associates itself with the statement delivered by Iran on behalf of the NAM States Parties to the NPT. In addition, my delegation wishes to highlight the following points in our national capacity.

Mr. Chairman,

2. As a State Party to the NPT and a Member State of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Malaysia is firmly committed to its obligations towards non-proliferation. Malaysia joined other non-nuclear-weapon States Parties in undertaking to accept the non-proliferation provisions of the NPT, and we have continued to hold up our part of the bargain.

3. This year's Review Conference therefore again bears witness to a largely positive assessment of the implementation on non-proliferation. Out of the 23 items in the 2010 NPT Review Conference Action Plan related to nuclear non-proliferation, Malaysia is pleased to observe more successes and tangible progress, compared to the items under the disarmament pillar. As such, we find it inconsistent, to say the least, that Non-Nuclear-Weapon-States Parties continue to be held against increasingly higher non-proliferation standards by the Nuclear-Weapon-States Parties, whether in the Treaty or outside this process.

4. Malaysia has lent its support to several non-proliferation initiatives which go beyond the Treaty's framework. We do so in the pursuit of a world free of nuclear weapons, underscored by our responsibility to prevent the spread of weapons of mass destructions, and in the spirit of mutual cooperation between States to this end. But the imbalance between disarmament and non-proliferation continues to remain a burning question which successive Review Conferences have so far failed to address.

Mr. Chairman,

5. On our part, Malaysia's implementation of the non-proliferation obligations is underlined by our adherence to the nuclear safeguards and verifications regime. We reaffirm the centrality of the IAEA in this regard, and recognize the Agency's invaluable contribution in establishing and promulgating effective safeguards and verification mechanisms for peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

6. Under the NPT Safeguards Agreement, Malaysia has welcomed regular IAEA safeguards inspections at the country's sole research reactor facility, the TRIGA MARK II PUSPATI. As a further demonstration of transparency, besides continuing to provide access to the non-Material Balance Areas (MBA) for safeguards inspections, Malaysia has also provided the Agency with voluntary declarations of the type required under Article 2 of the IAEA Additional Protocol.

7. However, Malaysia reiterates that the safeguards verification process should be done in a professional, non-discriminatory and transparent manner. We believe that this process must be conducted with full objectivity, and based solely on technical facts and credible information. Malaysia also recognises the need for the IAEA to strengthen the rules and modalities on preserving the confidentiality of safeguards related information, thus ensuring respect for the sovereignty of State Parties. In this regard, we are of the view that the IAEA Secretariat should be provided with the necessary resources and space, to discharge its mandated activities in an effective and objective manner.

8. Malaysia also engages in non-proliferation capacity building activities at the regional level. We participate actively in various regional initiatives aimed at strengthening the non-proliferation framework of understanding within the ASEAN and Asia-Pacific regions, as well as enhancing national competence in safeguards and verification measures. As a regional National Security Support Centre (NSSC), Malaysia is pleased to continue our cooperation with the Agency in disseminating best practices and sharing of experiences within the region.

Mr. Chairman,

9. Malaysia's views on nuclear-weapons-free-zones and regional issues had been highlighted during last week's general debate. The establishment of a nuclear-weapons-free-zone in the Middle East remains a high priority for my delegation, and we thank the facilitator Ambassador Jaako Laajava for presenting his report. We look forward to more progress on this issue during the deliberations of the Subsidiary Body established under Main Committee 2.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.