



**Permanent Mission of India  
to the Conference on Disarmament  
Geneva**

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**Statement by Ambassador Anupam Ray at the Conference on Disarmament  
Plenary during the panel discussion on 'Transparency in Armaments',  
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Thank you, Madam President, for giving my delegation the floor. Since this is the first time that I speak during your presidency, allow me to congratulate you and to assure you of the fullest cooperation of my delegation.

India believes that the substantive work of the CD is to negotiate legally binding instruments on the basis of an agreed Programme of Work.

India is not a NPT signatory and does not wish to join in any discussions that feed into intra-NPT processes or discussions.

India as a nuclear weapon state believes that transparency in respect of nuclear weapons cannot be considered in isolation. It should be situated in the context of an agreed multilateral framework, involving all states possessing nuclear weapons, consistent with their national security interests.

On the issue of transparency in armaments, my delegation reiterates the contents of the national statement delivered in the Conference on Disarmament on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

I thank you, Madam President.