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STATEMENT BY INDIA DURING THE THEMATIC DEBATE ON 'DISARMAMENT MACHINERY' AT THE FIRST COMMITTEE OF THE 80th UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 28th OCTOBER 2025

Chair,

The UN, in accordance with the Charter, has a central role and the primary responsibility in the context of international peace and security.

India is committed to multilateralism and the ideals enshrined in the UN Charter. A reformed and effective UN is essential for it to successfully discharge its mandated functions.

India attaches high priority to the work of the UN disarmament machinery as laid out by the SSOD-1, with the triad comprising of the Conference on Disarmament, the First Committee and the UN Disarmament Commission, which continue to be the ideal forums for deliberation and negotiations on matters related to disarmament and international security.

Chair,

India accords importance to the Conference on Disarmament as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum. The Conference has the mandate, membership and rules for negotiating LBIs on core items under its Agenda.

The Conference this year, once again, was able to successfully adopt a decision on its work and its implementation. This is all the more noteworthy because the decision was accomplished in the midst of geopolitical stress and conflict.

While the subsidiary body reports could not be agreed this year, India values the substantive deliberations that took place. On its part, has expressed its readiness and commitment to work with other Member States on all core items on CD's Agenda.

Chair,

As the main deliberative body within the UN on disarmament issues, the Commission's role as a platform for dialogue and cooperation, bringing together universal membership cannot be understated.

The Commission has made several important achievements in its past, having successfully adopted several notable guidelines and recommendations.

We are also pleased to note that the Commission - as a part of its current cycle – has been able to deepen deliberations on “common understandings related to emerging technologies in the context of international security”.

Chair,

India also looks forward to the convening of the SSOD-IV, to take stock of the progress and to revitalize disarmament machinery.

India values the important efforts and publications by UNIDIR in various areas of its work.

India attaches importance to disarmament education. The 5th edition of the fully funded Annual Disarmament and International Security Fellowship Program was held in January this year, which saw participation from diplomats from 33 countries.

Chair,

The 1st Committee, as mandated by the SSOD-1, brings together all UN Member States to deal with the questions relating to international peace and security.

India hopes that our work this year, despite the turbulent global security environment, will contribute to the goals and objectives of the disarmament machinery in its pursuit of collective and pragmatic solutions.

India stands ready to contribute to this process and work with fellow member States in our collective endeavor to achieve the objectives.
