

Mr. VELAYATI (Islamic Republic of Iran): The world is moving towards arms proliferation and arsenal expansion with accelerated speed. The arms race has been extended from land, sea and air to outer space, which can lead to the extinction of humanity. In the current state of affairs, the Conference on Disarmament as the sole multilateral negotiating body sheds rays of hopes to prevent the "doomsday scenarios" from happening. The existence of the risk is enough; for the worst only needs to happen once. This is why I am delighted to be here among you once again today to rehearse the information on the issues together.

As a country of great strategic significance, the Islamic Republic of Iran is not only under constant and direct threat from conventional and chemical weapons, but also faces the perils of nuclear weapons indirectly. As a result, we accord special importance to the deliberations and endeavours of

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