



**Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN  
Geneva**

**Statement by Mr. Muhammad Omar, First Secretary,  
at 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of Subsidiary Body 2 of the Conference on Disarmament  
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**Mr. Coordinator,**

Thank you for convening this meeting.

Thank you also for sharing the revised draft of the Subsidiary Body 2 report, entitled Prevention of Nuclear War, including all related matters. We had sent you detailed comments on the previous draft, circulated last week as well as on your two interim summary reports.

We are examining the most recent draft, circulated yesterday, and await further feedback from our capital. At this stage, I shall be sharing some preliminary remarks on the current draft.

I would begin with some general comments, followed by paragraph specific comments when we examine individual paragraphs.

**Mr. Coordinator,**

As you would recall, my delegation and indeed many others have stressed on the need for an objective, comprehensive and balanced report. We have also called for consistency in approach across the subsidiary bodies i.e. consistency in their structure and substantive aspects, while keeping room for practical considerations. This starts by aligning each report with the letters sent by respective coordinators, since those guided the structure of subsidiary body meetings.

It is crucial that our report for this Subsidiary Body is also objective, accurately captures the context and content of discussions, and comprehensively reflects the various viewpoints, proposals and considerations put forward by delegations during the course of its work.

I would make the following four points in this context.

First, it is crucial to remain aligned with the mandate of the decision CD/2229, which remains the basis of our work. This subsidiary body was entrusted to advance substantive work on agenda item 2 i.e. prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters. Delegations brought up a number of issues and topics during discussions which they viewed as important in helping achieve the task of preventing a nuclear war.

In this regard, a number of disarmament related measures, operational measures as well as strategic measures were suggested. Proposals for various measures to prevent a nuclear war as well as means of addressing the accentuating risks of a nuclear war were also brought up. Among these, the issue of fissile materials was also discussed in its various dimensions.

The key point being, this report is about preventing a nuclear war. It is certainly not about rehashing of positions of some on fissile materials alone. Of course, the issue of fissile materials for weapon purposes remains an important topic, but not the only one.

Discussions in this subsidiary body clearly illustrate that various aspects such as triggers and risks of a nuclear war as well as measures required to offset the danger of nuclear conflict were raised by many delegations. It is therefore only proper that these discussions are framed accordingly in line with the mandated agenda item and its related matters.

It is equally important to objectively capture the relevant strategic context and correspondingly reflect these aspects in this report. Importantly, we should be able to bring forward as to how the specific topic prevents a nuclear war.

We note that not all proposals, topics and concepts discussed during the SB's work have been captured. In order to meet a reasonable threshold for capturing these discussions, my delegation had submitted suggested language thrice in writing. We hope that the next iteration of the draft report would address these concerns appropriately and sufficiently.

Secondly, as we have pointed out in our three submissions, it is important to align the report of the SB with the headings and structure of the Coordinator's letter dated 15 March. We note that this aspect remains unaddressed. We therefore urge necessary attention to this aspect while framing and contextualizing the draft report, including placement of specific paragraphs in their relevant context.

Thirdly, as is in the nature of such discussions, delegations refer to one or more idea more than once and there is bound to be some overlap. Accordingly, we should avoid duplications as much as possible, unless they are absolutely necessary.

It remains important to reflect all views expressed in a balanced and objective manner.

Fourthly, on the topic of fissile materials we note that not all viewpoints have been accurately reflected or captured. We have submitted proposals and would highlight those specific paragraphs again to ensure that all perspectives are adequately reflected. It is also important to avoid references to initiatives that do not belong to the CD, nor do they have any link to the work of the CD or would at any stage be the basis of any work at the CD.

Our engagement and suggestions should be seen in the above context. We will continue to work constructively with all delegations to ensure that a streamlined report, capturing as much of the discussion as possible objectively and addressing various topics in a balanced manner is agreed to by consensus.

**I thank you.**

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