

**Unofficial transcript**  
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(spoke in Chinese)

The current international security environment is complex and fluid. Nuclear proliferation remains a pressing issue and nuclear disarmament a long and arduous task.

To create a safer world for all, we must first and foremost remove the threat of nuclear war. I would like to propose in this connection that we make efforts in the following five areas.

First, we should maintain global strategic balance and stability and vigorously advance nuclear disarmament. All nuclear-weapon States should, in good faith, fulfil their obligations under article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and publicly undertake not to seek the permanent possession of nuclear weapons. Countries with the largest nuclear arsenals should continue to take the lead in making drastic and substantive reductions in their nuclear weapons.

The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty should enter into force at an early date, and negotiations on a fissile material cut-off treaty should start as soon as possible. When conditions are ripe, other nuclear-weapon States should also join the multilateral negotiations on nuclear disarmament. To attain the ultimate goal of complete and thorough nuclear disarmament, the international community should develop, at an appropriate time, a viable longterm plan composed of phased actions, including the conclusion of a convention on the complete prohibition of nuclear weapons.

Secondly, the international community should abandon the nuclear deterrence policy based on first use of nuclear weapons and take credible steps to reduce the threat of nuclear weapons. All nuclear-weapon States should make a firm and unconditional commitment not to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear-weapon States or nuclear-weapon-free zones, and conclude a legally binding international instrument in this regard. In the meantime, nuclear-weapon States should negotiate and conclude a treaty on the non-first use of nuclear

weapons.

Thirdly, we should consolidate the international nuclear non-proliferation regime and prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons. All countries should join the NPT and make genuine efforts to uphold and enhance its authority and effectiveness. The safeguards functions of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) should be strengthened. All countries should strictly comply with non-proliferation obligations, refrain from resort to double standards, and tighten and improve export controls to prevent proliferation.

Fourthly, the right of all countries to the peaceful use of nuclear energy must be fully respected and active international cooperation undertaken in that regard. Developed countries should actively assist developing countries in developing and using nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. The IAEA should increase its efforts to promote technical cooperation and assistance in nuclear power, nuclear safety and security, and nuclear technology applications.

Fifthly, the international community should take strong measures to enhance nuclear security and reduce nuclear risks. Countries should act in strict observance of all international legal instruments governing nuclear security, take credible steps to ensure the security of their nuclear facilities and materials, and effectively prevent the diversion of nuclear materials. The international community should intensify cooperation and combat nuclear terrorism through concerted efforts.

China has consistently stood for the complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons. I wish to take this opportunity to solemnly reiterate that China is firmly committed to a nuclear strategy of self-defence. We have adhered to the policy of no first use of nuclear weapons at any time or under any circumstances, and have made an unequivocal commitment that we will unconditionally not use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear-weapon States or nuclear-weapon-free zones. China does not participate in any form of nuclear arms race.

We will continue to keep our nuclear capabilities at the minimum level required for national security and make efforts to advance the international nuclear disarmament process. China will continue to play a

constructive role in upholding the international nuclear non-proliferation regime.