Country: The Republic of Austria 

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Agenda Item: Advancing Global Efforts for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament

The Republic of Austria is a country located in Central Europe and it has approximately 9 million people living in it. Its GDP is 470 billion USD and its GDP per capita is approximately 52.000 US dollars. So it is pretty good to live in Austria. Also; public secondary education in Austria is free and generally very high-quality. The Austrian healthcare is generally good. Also, the Austrian constitution prohibits the production, possession, and transport of nuclear weapons. After a referendum in 1978, nuclear energy was also banned in Austria.

Austria considers a world free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction to be a crucial shared objective to safeguard our common security and the security of future generations. The risks of nuclear conflict are higher today than in decades. The absolute imperative of the taboo against the use of nuclear weapons must be strengthened. The fragility and precariousness of our international security system that includes nuclear weapons and the threat of mass destruction has been brought into sharp focus by recent events. New technologies add further layers of risk to nuclear weapons and nuclear deterrence. It is a theory that is fraught with risks and uncertainties that humanity cannot allow to fail even once, given the devastating consequences of a nuclear conflict to all humanity. It is high time to challenge these assumptions and engage in a broad and inclusive dialogue of finding a way out of this precarious paradigm, which provides only an illusion of security. Austria is convinced that the conclusion of the current geopolitical tensions and dangerous security situation must be to redouble efforts towards nuclear disarmament. A re-emphasis on nuclear weapons would fuel nuclear arms races and further proliferation and must be prevented at all costs. In this vein, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons is an important contribution to the nuclear regime with its underlying arguments based on new evidence on the humanitarian consequences and risks associated with nuclear weapons, as well as its focus on addressing the impact and injustice on communities affected by nuclear weapons use and testing. These profound arguments should be weighed against the assumptions and high risks that nuclear weapons and the practice of nuclear deterrence bring to all humanity. The increasing international recognition that the consequences of the use of nuclear weapons would be too catastrophic and the risks associated with nuclear weapons too high can, thus, help to pave the way towards a world without nuclear weapons.

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