

Position Paper of Australia –DISEC (Disarmament and International

Topic: Global Nuclear Disarmament and Arms Control

Delegation: Australia

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Introduction:

Australia has long played an active role in the pursuit of international security and disarmament. The country prioritizes the prevention of nuclear weapons proliferation and advocates for global peace and security. Australia remains a committed supporter of multilateral efforts and continues to push for a world free from nuclear weapons. Through its work with the United Nations (UN) and other international organizations, Australia aims to strengthen global cooperation toward nuclear disarmament and arms control.

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Position of Australia:

1. Nuclear Disarmament:

Australia is a strong advocate for the global elimination of nuclear weapons. As a signatory of the 1970 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), Australia supports the continued efforts to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and to work towards a world without them. Australia believes that nuclear weapons present a significant threat to humanity and that their complete elimination is essential for global security. Australia urges all nations to take concrete steps toward the total abolition of nuclear weapons, reinforcing the role of the NPT as the cornerstone of disarmament efforts.

2. Opposition to Nuclear Modernization:

Australia opposes the modernization of nuclear arsenals. We believe that the enhancement of existing nuclear weapons only undermines global disarmament initiatives and escalates the risk of nuclear conflict. Australia calls for all nuclear-armed states to reduce their stockpiles and move toward disarmament in line with their obligations under the NPT. The continued development and modernization of nuclear weapons are viewed as a step backward in efforts to achieve a nuclear-free world.

3. Global Security and Regional Stability:

In the Asia-Pacific region, Australia recognizes the risks posed by North Korea’s nuclear weapons program and Iran’s nuclear activities. As a key player in regional and global security, Australia remains committed to ensuring that nuclear weapons do not destabilize the region. Australia advocates for a world in which no state seeks to acquire or expand its nuclear weapons capabilities. We believe that the comprehensive efforts of the international community are necessary to prevent further nuclear proliferation, particularly in volatile regions.

4. Bilateral and Multilateral Diplomacy:

Australia strongly supports multilateral diplomacy and encourages nations to work together through international frameworks such as the United Nations, the NPT, and other multilateral agreements. Australia believes that the role of the UN and other diplomatic institutions is essential for building consensus on disarmament issues. Australia calls on all states, particularly nuclear-armed states, to engage in meaningful dialogue, negotiations, and commitments to reduce nuclear threats and advance disarmament.

5. International Law and the Ban on Nuclear Testing:

Australia is a staunch supporter of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), which aims to prevent further nuclear testing. Australia believes that nuclear tests are not only dangerous to the environment but also escalate the likelihood of nuclear weapon proliferation. Australia urges all nations to sign and ratify the CTBT to ensure a global commitment to halting the development and testing of nuclear weapons.

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Conclusion:

Australia remains dedicated to the promotion of peace and security through nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. We believe that a world free of nuclear weapons is achievable through sustained international cooperation and a commitment to disarmament. Australia urges all countries to adhere to international law and work together to eliminate nuclear weapons, reduce risks, and foster global security. We call for stronger action from all nations, particularly nuclear-armed states, to contribute meaningfully to nuclear disarmament efforts and to strengthen global peace. I think Australia truely got right about nuclear weapons

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Sources:

1. Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)

2. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT)

3. United Nations Security Council Resolutions