



**Opening Remarks of Brazil at the IPNDV Annual Plenary Meeting
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Thank you for inviting diplomatic missions to take part in this IPNDV plenary.

Brazil is very committed to advancing discussions on the verification of nuclear disarmament and believes this is very important to achieving nuclear disarmament. We have been very active in all the GGEs on this issue and will remain so.

We also believe the reciprocal verification arrangements that Brazil and Argentina have established to build confidence and ensure that our nuclear programs remain peaceful can serve as important food for thought for the IPNDV.

The IPNDV is an important initiative that keeps our hopes alive that nuclear disarmament will one day be achieved.

We appreciate the constant engagement of the delegations who take part in this task.

However, we believe it is important to ensure diversity of the group in order to include the point of view of developing countries as well.

Nuclear disarmament is an issue that concerns the whole world.

Brazil would like to reiterate its support for the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons as a very important treaty regulating nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation but also to highlight the importance of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons as a norm that addresses questions raised by many today, including the threat of nuclear weapons.

We are convinced that if more countries had supported the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in 2017, the space for nuclear threats would have shrunk significantly.

However, we are glad the treaty is in force and that it will certainly play an important role in the future of nuclear disarmament.

Brazil wishes good luck to the IPNDV discussions this week and hopes you can make progress in nuclear disarmament verification.

Thank you.

