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Mr. President,

My delegation takes note of the Report of Mr. Alfred-Maurice de Zayas , the Independent Expert on democratic and equitable international order, (A/HRC/27/51) which includes best practices and obstacles in achieving a democratic and equitable international order which fosters the full realization of ‘all human rights for all.’

While noting that peace is indispensable in achieving a democratic and equitable international order, we believe that it also requires greater transparency and respect for the needs and aspirations of people in all regions of the world, regardless of economic power or geostrategic imperatives. We reiterate that a democratic and equitable international order should also facilitate the realization of right to development in its individual and collective dimensions, which needs the full international cooperation. Coercive tactics unilaterally exercised by more powerful States of the international community on small and economically weaker States is a hindrance to fostering a democratic and equitable international order.

Sri Lanka maintains its concerns that the continued existence of nuclear weapons and of their possible use or threat of use, poses an overarching threat to humanity and for the establishment of a democratic and equitable international order. Sri Lanka joins the collective voice for the elimination of nuclear weapons from national arsenals, taking into account the security interests of all States and on the basis of the principle of undiminished security for all.

In this regard, we agree with the Independent Expert that disarmament should be a priority concern of the international community in accordance with the principles stipulated in the UN Charter, in promoting the establishment, maintenance and strengthening of international peace and security. To achieve this purpose, States should do their utmost in realizing general and complete disarmament under effective international control, as well as in ensuring that the resources released by effective disarmament measures are used for comprehensive development, in particular in the developing countries.

In conclusion, Mr. President,

Sri Lanka encourages the Independent Expert to further his efforts in accordance with his mandate in achieving a democratic and equitable international order.

Thank You.