

**Malaysia To Introduce Resolution On Nuclear-Free Zone At UN  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 16 (Bernama) -- Malaysia, on behalf of ASEAN, is to introduce the biennial resolution on the South East Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ) Treaty at the United Nations General Assembly.

Malaysian Permanent Representative to the United Nations Datuk Ramlan Ibrahim said the introduction of the resolution was timely to commemorate the 20th anniversary of signing by ASEAN Member States of the Treaty in December this year.

"Malaysia believes that the resolution is another positive step towards attaining the objective of global nuclear disarmament and is essential in the establishment of new nuclear-weapon-free zones," he said.

He was speaking at the general debate of the first committee of the 70th session of the general assembly in New York on Wednesday. The text of his speech was sent to Bernama, here today.

As part of its continuing commitment to the Biological Weapons Convention, Ramlan said Malaysia would co-organise a series of technical cooperation programmes at the national level in December 2015 to develop cooperation on procedures for assessing risks for biological misuse.

Ramlan said that Malaysia deeply regrets that the Conference of Disarmament has been deadlocked for almost two decades.

He said the impasse called for the UN to reinvigorate efforts in rationalising its priorities on issues under the Conference of Disarmament agenda, instead of being fixated on preconditions for commitment.

"It is simply disconcerting that despite marking the 20th year of striking a deal during the 1995 Non-Proliferation Treaty review and extension conference among state parties of the NPT, we failed to agree on the final document at the 2015 conference, rendering the outcome decidedly lacking," he added.

Ramlan said Malaysia was unwavering in its conviction that the three pillars guiding the NPT - disarmament, non-proliferation and the peaceful uses of nuclear energy - must continue to guide the vision towards total disarmament.

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