Now with your permission, Mr. Chairman, I would like to read out the text of the Joint Declaration on behalf of delegations of Chile, Mexico and Ukraine. That will be also soon distributed as official document of the UN General Assembly and Security Council.

**Joint Declaration by the delegations of Chile, Mexico and Ukraine**

The delegations of Chile, Mexico and Ukraine, as countries that have voluntarily taken concrete steps to eliminate the use of highly enriched uranium for civilian purposes, would like to state the following:

In recent years, the possibility of non-state actors acquiring nuclear materials to carry out acts of nuclear terrorism has become one of the most challenging threats to international peace and security.

It is thus necessary to consolidate a robust international system and to strengthen national legislative and regulatory frameworks to effectively maintain security of all nuclear materials.

We reaffirm our will to work together for our common security, including the fulfillment of the commitments made at the Washington Nuclear Security Summit in April 2010, especially to work on securing vulnerable nuclear materials.

The decision of our countries to eliminate the use of highly enriched uranium is a significant contribution to strengthen the international regime of nonproliferation. These measures taken by non-nuclear weapon States are an example of concrete steps towards reducing the nuclear threat. But in order to make a safer world for all it is necessary for the nuclear-weapon States to also take concrete steps towards the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals in a transparent, verifiable and irreversible manner, leading towards the common goal of a world free of nuclear weapons.

We welcome the positive steps in the sphere of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, and the outcome of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, and will follow-up the actions agreed by consensus. We call upon all States that are not Parties to the NPT to accede it promptly and without conditions as non-nuclear-weapon States in order to achieve universality.

We call upon the Nuclear Weapon States to fulfill their obligations derived from Article VI of the NPT and to accelerate the implementation of practical steps towards nuclear disarmament agreed in the 2000 and 2010 NPT Review Conferences, including the unequivocal undertaking to accomplish the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals.

We call upon states that have not yet done so to conclude a Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency, and to consider signing and ratifying an Additional Protocol.

The achievement of a world free of nuclear weapons will require the full compliance of all States with the legal framework encompassing all international treaties and agreements on this matter.

Our countries have demonstrated that, when there is political will, actions can be taken to make the world a safer place, and that we will spare no efforts to pursue this objective. We are jointly resolved to achieve the goal of a world free from nuclear weapons. We firmly hold that the post-nuclear era must start now.