STATEMENT OF
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Mr. Chairman,

My country’s delegation wishes to associate itself with the statement delivered by the delegation of the Kingdom of Bahrain on behalf of the member states of the League of Arab States, as well as the statement delivered on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

The State of Kuwait reiterates the importance of multilateral work as being the ideal means to counter the challenges, and to address the issues relating to disarmament and proliferation, according to the Charter of the United Nations that aims to the maintenance of international peace and security.

For this purpose; working on enhancing the efficiency of the multilateral disarmament machinery represented by the Conference on Disarmament, the UN Disarmament Commission and the First Committee; must remain a shared universal goal, to ensure its continued performance of the roles commissioned to it, in accordance to the mandate specified in the First Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly dedicated to disarmament in 1978.

In this regard, the State of Kuwait wishes to express its concern over the chronic stalemate present in an important, vital and effective disarmament machinery, namely the Conference on Disarmament, considered the only negotiating forum of the United Nations. The absence of political will by a number of major states that have failed to concur on a specific agenda, became a great challenge and a huge obstacle that led to disabling it. The State of Kuwait therefore welcomes the resolution of the Conference of Disarmament CD/1956/Rev.1, to establish an unofficial working group commissioned to produce a programme of work, robust in substance and progressive over time in implementation. We hope that the efforts of this group will lead to reaching a consensus in views which would allow the Conference to start dealing with the major issues listed on its agenda for more than 15 years, as soon as possible. The State of Kuwait also welcomes the proposal on assigning a special rapporteur in charge of expanding the membership of the Conference on Disarmament.

The State of Kuwait cannot but assert the great importance of the UN Disarmament Commission as an international forum, where the most important and the newest ideas and initiatives are discussed, and recommendations are made on important and pivotal issues in the field of disarmament.
In conclusion, my country's delegation hopes that the multiple efforts to support the United Nations disarmament machinery will continue until we reach the day when we can celebrate a verifiable elimination of nuclear weapons and the rest of the weapons of mass destruction.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.