I thank the panelists for the insightful presentations, and especially the powerful testimony of survivors.

The knowledge of the catastrophic humanitarian impact and consequences, both in the short and long term, of a nuclear detonation, irrespective of cause, should intensify efforts on moving forward on nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation and nuclear security.

The best assurance against any use is the removal of all nuclear weapons. The objective to reach a world free of nuclear weapons was reaffirmed in the Norwegian parliament last week, when it considered the Government's White Paper on Global Security Challenges. NPTs obligations must be implemented and Norway will actively promote non-proliferation and disarmament with a view to a balanced, mutual, irreversible and verifiable disarmament, and on this basis, work for a long-term legal framework to secure this objective.

We must actively seek to reach and maintain a world without nuclear weapons. We need to move forward and identity practical measures that will help us prepare to achieve and uphold a world without nuclear weapons, such as verification, transparency and building confidence.

While pursuing the goal of total elimination of nuclear weapons, Norway is also committed to continue the evidence-based approach to the humanitarian impact of any nuclear detonation. We need more knowledge and awareness.

We look also forward to the upcoming World Humanitarian Summit, where we will co-sponsor the side-event on the humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons.

Thank you,