Afternoon:

Mr. Chairman,

Measures to reduce and eliminate the risk of accidental, mistaken, unauthorized or intentional nuclear weapon detonations:

This is a fact that our planet still is heavily booby-trapped with thousands of nuclear warheads and unless they are eliminated completely, they will almost certainly be used again, either intentionally or by accident, and in either case the consequences will be catastrophic, since the existing nuclear weapons have destructive power enough to transform the Earth into a dead planet. Tens of mishaps that might have started accidental nuclear war and other nuclear-weapon accidents - many of which remain unknown to the public - confirm this assessment. Therefore, reducing and eliminating the risk of accidental, mistaken, unauthorized or intentional nuclear weapon detonations is an urgent task.

To that end, the Islamic republic of Iran believes that all nuclear-weapon States should be urged to take, as a matter of priority, all necessary measures, including the following, to reduce and eliminate the risk of accidental, mistaken, unauthorized or intentional nuclear weapon detonations:

a. To undertake all efforts necessary to comprehensively address the risks of unintended nuclear detonations, including, but not limited to, protection of command and control systems against potential cyber threats;

b. To reduce the operational status of nuclear weapons, including through complete de-targeting and de-alerting, as well excluding the role of any type of nuclear weapons in their security strategies, concepts, policies or doctrines;

This is particular important, given the fact that, recent literature published by one of the main possessors’ think thanks, indicate that deterrence doctrine is outdated, and instead, inhibition strategy is discussed as the only viable strategy upon which allied and foes are coerced as non-proliferation tool to protect patron’s security guarantees.

c. To take all necessary measures to prevent the theft or loss of nuclear-weapon related materials;

d. To refrain from transferring their nuclear-weapons beyond their national borders; and

e. To end nuclear-weapon-sharing under any arrangements.