Statement of Bangladesh during the Second Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons, Nayarit, Mexico

Mr. Chairman, Thank you very much for giving us the floor. At the outset, we would like to congratulate the Mexican Government for successfully arranging this important conference in this spectacular setting by the Pacific.

During the High Level Meeting on Nuclear Disarmament in 2013, our Hon’ble Prime Minister said I quote “Living in close proximity to three nuclear weapon states, Bangladesh has good reasons to worry about these vicious weapons.” End of quote.

Why then some States are still maintaining, modernizing an spending so much money on nuclear weapons when we surely know that no country in the world is capable of facing the devastating catastrophe caused by nuclear detonations? Isn’t it a suicidal psyche? We’re leaving the questions to the nuclear weapon states. The money spent on maintenance for these vicious weapons could be used to reduce poverty to a large extent and we could leave a better world for the generations to come.

Yesterday we heard the moving testimonies of the survivors. We sincerely believe that their voices are important for raising awareness and also hope that those voices reached even to those people who could not join us in this room.

We look forward to the summary of the Chair and hope that the summary will portray the pangs of the international community which they have shared with us and we also believe that all states and especially Nuclear Weapon states will take the summary into consideration and act accordingly.

We are confident that such a wide representation of States and Civil Society will contribute to find a world free of Nuclear Weapons. Such a noble initiative cannot go in vain.

At last, we welcome the decision of Austria to host the 3rd Conference of this kind.