Mr. Chairman,

Allow me at the outset to express my appreciation to the Government of Mexico who took the initiative to host this timely and vital conference to build on the international efforts in an issue that touches the lives of all of us, i.e., the catastrophic humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons, which continues to be a potential threat to humanity.

The Oslo Conference succeeded in bringing new hope, new knowledge and a new way of thinking, and here, in Nayarit, we touched, through the proceedings of this auspicious gathering, the sincere will to move ahead.

The consequences of Nuclear Weapons detonation are alarming and catastrophic, and the threat of detonation continues to endanger present and future generations, taking into account the huge existent and increasing Nuclear Weapons arsenals. This threat contradicts the rules of International Law and Humanitarian Law.

Jordan reafirms the need for joint international efforts towards nuclear disarmament, and joins the calls for the early start of negotiations on a legally binding instrument on the ban of Nuclear Weapons.

Jordan also continues to reaffirm the need to establish areas free of weapons of mass destruction, especially in the Middle East, which has witnessed many conflicts and looks towards a more peaceful future free of the dangers of such lethal weapons.

It is the shared responsibility of all States to prevent the detonation of nuclear weapons, to prevent their vertical and horizontal proliferation, and to achieve nuclear disarmament including the achievement of universality of the NPT.

Jordan welcomes the Austrian initiative to host the 3rd Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons in order to continue our dialogue in pursuit of a world free of weapons of mass destruction.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, we hope that the will and commitment that we witnessed in Oslo, and here in Nayarit, will evolve into concrete steps towards the elimination of this horrible threat.

Thank you.