Mr. Chairman,

Let me first thank the Mexican Government for organizing and hosting this very important follow-up meeting of the ground-breaking Oslo Conference.

Like in Oslo, we are brought together today by an increasing and deeply shared humanitarian concern regarding the devastating immediate and long-term effects of nuclear weapon detonations.

The environmental, developmental, health and other related consequences of the nuclear detonations, whether by accident, miscalculation or design, are simply beyond to what we are prepared to manage or accept as a global community that seeks “international stability, peace and undiminished and increased security” as proclaimed in the 2010 NPT Action Plan.

The expert findings and State views presented in Oslo and here, in Nayarit, have clearly illustrated not only the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of the nuclear weapons, but also the urgent need to advance nuclear disarmament.

We believe, Mr. Chairman, that the humanitarian-centred approach shall be part of any discussion on nuclear issues. This is why the Republic of Moldova fully supports the joint statements presented in 2012 and 2013 by Switzerland and New Zealand, on behalf of a large group of like-minded countries, particularly before the UNGA First Committee.

The incalculable human suffering that can be expected from nuclear detonations coupled with the lack of any adequate humanitarian response capacity makes the prevention of any use of nuclear weapons an absolute moral and political imperative.

We also believe that there is need for a more reliable foundation for security, one that is more consistent with the “human security” concept and which does not irreducibly rely upon an illusory intrinsic deterrent value of nuclear weapons.

We truly appreciate, Mr. Chairman, the contribution made by all like-minded countries, particularly Norway and Mexico, as well as the United Nations, ICRC and, indeed, the civil society in order to fostering a global debate and a process that is meant, inter alia, to complement and galvanise current efforts, inside and outside of the established disarmament fora, with a view to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons.

We hope that this debate and process will also help to overcome the current impasse on nuclear disarmament and on other important disarmament issues.

I thank you for your attention.