Mr Chairman,

Let me join previous speakers in warmly congratulating you on your election as Chairman of the first Preparatory Committee and assuring you of our full support. Hungary associates itself with the statement of the EU and of Australia delivered on behalf of the Vienna Group of 10.

Mr. Chairman,

The NPT remains the cornerstone of nuclear disarmament, nuclear non-proliferation and peaceful uses of nuclear energy. The conclusions and recommendations for follow on actions across the three pillars agreed to by all States Parties at the 2010 Review Conference provide us with an excellent starting point. Hungary attaches equal importance to each pillar and strives towards a balanced implementation of the Action Plan set out in the Final Document.

As it has been reaffirmed at the last Review Conference all states need to make special efforts to establish the necessary framework to achieve and maintain a world without nuclear weapons. In this regard nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation are equally essential, interdependent and mutually reinforcing. In the field of nuclear disarmament nuclear weapon states reaffirmed their commitment to the implementation of Article VI of the NPT. We welcome the tangible results achieved since then such as the entry into force of the new START Treaty last year and its ongoing implementation since then. At the same time, we hope that further progress can be made during this review cycle.

Hungary is of the view that the negotiations on a Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty should commence without any further delay. We are also convinced that the entry into force of the CTBT would greatly contribute to alleviating many of today’s concerns.

Hungary attaches great importance to the implementation of the 1995 NPT resolution on the Middle East therefore we strongly support holding a conference this year on the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East. We welcome the appointment of Under Secretary Laajava of Finland as Facilitator. We command his efforts made so far and look forward to a successful conference.