Introduction of the working paper on nuclear weapons transparency

Mr. Chairman,

I’m taking the floor to introduce the working paper on transparency of nuclear weapons (NPT/CONF.2015/PC.1/12), which was submitted jointly by Australia, Canada, Chile, Germany, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Poland, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates as members of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative and supported by Norway and Sweden.

Mr. Chairman,

The 2010 NPT RevCon committed the Nuclear Weapon States (NWS) to accelerate concrete progress on the steps leading to nuclear disarmament. It inter alia encouraged the NWS, under the Action 21, to agree on a standard reporting form to build international confidence and increase accountability in the nuclear disarmament processes. Nuclear weapons transparency is essential building block for further progress on nuclear disarmament and can effectively facilitate future reductions. Therefore the NPDI developed the draft standard nuclear disarmament reporting form, which is attached to the working paper on transparency. It signals our expectations, as Non-Nuclear Weapons States, regarding the degree of transparency of all types of nuclear weapons. The NPDI shared this draft reporting form with the Nuclear Weapon States prior to their Paris meeting in June 2011 as a practical contribution to their discussions on meeting the objectives of Action 21 of the 2010 NPT RevCon Action Plan.

At this first session of the NPT PrepCom we are submitting the working paper with the draft reporting form to the attention all states and as an input to the debate on nuclear disarmament.

Thank you.