Philippine Intervention on Cluster 3 Specific Issue

- Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy and Other Provisions of the Treaty
- Improving the Effectiveness of the Strengthened Review Process

Thank you for giving me the floor Mr. Chairman.

The Philippines has previously mentioned that the peaceful use of nuclear energy is a right, but one that comes with significant responsibility. States Parties to the NPT have the obligation to ensure that their nuclear activities are purely for peaceful purposes and are never diverted to the production of nuclear weapons.

On specific issues such as Article X, it clearly states that a party to the NPT in the exercise of its national sovereignty has the right to withdraw and the only conditions are for that State to give notice to other States Parties and the UNSC three months in advance and for the notice to include a statement of the extraordinary events it regards as having jeopardized its supreme interests.

It is also within the prerogative of Member States to develop and agree on additional arrangements that would ensure that privileges and accommodations granted, whether by international organizations or bodies, member countries themselves, or by commercial business deals, to former members, are withdrawn and are not utilized to compromise the objectives of the NPT.

Moreover, while the Philippines does not dispute a State's right to withdraw, that State must be obligated to make sure that after withdrawal, whatever technology or material it has gained while a State Party to the NPT, remains purely for peaceful purposes and is in no way diverted to non-peaceful use.

On the strengthened review process, and by the way, the Philippines Wishes to include a reference to the strengthening of institutional capacity support for NPT, as included in the issues considered by the Third Subsidiary Body of the 2010 NPT Review Conference.

There were proposals then to establish a standing bureau to provide leadership and continuity during and between meeting of State Parties. There was also a proposal for the appointment of a full-time treaty officer to support Treaty meeting.

The NPT does not currently rely on a dedicated administrative staff and instead draws in the resources of the UN Secretariat. That may be fine for now or for the status of the state of the implementation of NPT.

It might even be instructive for a long-term perspective to consider seriously the establishment of a full-time Secretariat for the NPT. It must, of course, be more than the Implementation Support Unit of the BWC or much like the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW that is responsible for the day administration and the implementation of the convention.
The Philippines has looked favourably on the Canadian proposals for bolstering the institutional capacity of the NPT made during the 2010 NPT Review Conference process and looks forward to the development of similar ideas, which may still be brought forth and could be considered by the 2015 NPT Review Conference. In fact, during the 2010 NPT Review Conference" had there been material time left in the negotiations, some proposals could have been part of the consensus outcome.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.