Mr. Chairman,

The strengthening of NPT review process has been a standing agenda item for many years. Decisions in this area were taken at the 1995 and 2000 NPT Review Conferences respectively. Since then States Parties put forward many useful proposals on further improving the effectiveness of the NPT process however discussions on them yielded no desired results. Poland supports search for consensus on appropriate decisions in this regard. At the same time we also believe there is much that can be done on voluntary basis by States Parties themselves to improve our proceedings.

In a first place we would like to highlight the benefits from early nomination, if possible, of future chairs of NPT meetings by respective regional groups. This allows for starting necessary preparations well in advance, conducting additional consultations, as well as improving transparency and inclusiveness of the review process.

Secondly we see positives of close cooperation and coordination between respective chairpersons. As the next 2018 PrepCom Chair Poland to the extent possible remained in close contact with the current Dutch Chair. Experience and knowledge acquired throughout this process will be useful to swiftly take over and make full use of the time we have before the II PrepCom. We look forward to timely nomination of the candidate for the Chair of the III Preparatory Committee. We pledge our full cooperation with the future nominee and we would like to offer him or help the same high level of support, which we have experienced so far.

Thirdly we would like to stress the need for proper time management during the NPT meetings. It is the responsibility of States Parties to keep their statements within time limits. However the “traffic lights” proved their effectiveness as an additional measure in support of attainment of this goal.

Fourthly Poland would like emphasize the importance of submission by all States Parties of their national reports. They serve as a confidence and transparency building measures and help to better prepare for discussions throughout the review process.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.