Statement by

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Mr. Chair,

1. My delegation wishes to share our views on how to improve the NPT Review Process as follows: **First**, we would like to see the identifications of Chairs for all the PrepComs and RevCon for each review cycle as early as possible. This would allow the Chair-designate sufficient time to prepare and coordinate in order to ensure the smooth conduct and success of each PrepCom and the RevCon.

2. **Second**, Mr. Chair, we commend your and your team’s efforts in reaching out to many States Parties during the PrepCom. We also applaud your initiative in holding regional dialogue and meetings in order to collect States Parties’ views and regional perspectives prior to this PrepCom. We support the continuation of such practice which is beneficial and enriches the discussions and deliberations during the PrepComs and RevCon in Vienna, Geneva, New York and at each of our Capitals.

3. **Third**, in each PrepCom, we are of the view that a streamlined and outcome-oriented approach would be beneficial to our work. The Chair may propose key issues under each Cluster for the PrepCom to concentrate on, without limiting States Parties to discuss any other topics of relevance. This approach would help focus the scope of the discussion of the PrepCom with the goal of being able to arrive at proposed possible action points or recommendations to be incorporated in the final outcome document of the RevCon. As for the succeeding PrepComs, we may not have to spend much time to revisit issues that have been agreed upon and instead we can move on to concentrate on other issues that have yet to achieve agreement.

4. **Fourth**, we emphasize the importance of States Parties’ transparency in and commitments to the implementation of their respective obligations under the Treaty. Without these, the integrity and credibility of the Treaty risks being undermined. In this regard, one effective way to help monitor and ensure the transparency and commitments of States Parties is to encourage States Parties to submit regular reports on the progress of the implementation of their obligations. Referring to Actions 5, 20 and 21 of the outcome document of the 2010 NPT RevCon, Thailand encourages all States Parties to engage in discussions on a standard reporting format and appropriate reporting intervals.

5. **Fifth**, we wish to see further efforts to promote the universal adherence of the Treaty. Such efforts should be led by Chairs-designate as well as the Depositary Governments of the Treaty in reaching out to and engaging with all States that remain outside the NPT, in particular with the nuclear-armed States.
6. **Sixth**, we would like to see the further strengthening of Article X on withdrawal. The NPT is one of the most important international legal instrument concerning global peace and security. We want to uphold its sanctity and discourage any State Party from withdrawal. Although we respect each State’s sovereign right, States Parties must not take the decision to withdraw lightly. We would be interested in further consultations on how to strengthen conditions and criteria that States Parties are required to meet before or even after they withdraw.

7. **Seventh**, Thailand values the participation of civil society, industries, and the academia in the review process which enhances compliance and effectiveness of the NPT.

8. I thank you, Mr. Chair.

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