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“consideration of the draft report on the results of the session to the next session of the Preparatory Committee”

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Mr. Chair,

1. My delegation wishes to thank you the Chair, your team, the bureau, and the secretariat for all the preparations of this first PrepCom. We appreciate the outreach and close consultations you have conducted in identifying substantive issues and finding a way forward.

2. We also express appreciation to all State Parties for the enriching discussions and welcome the positive contributions of civil society, academia and industry to the NPT review process.

3. We agree with many others that your factual summary is a comprehensive document, reflecting diverse views. We emphasize again that a legally-binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons amongst other initiatives will complement and strengthen the NPT. Moreover, we would therefore like to see progress within the NPT itself on implementing Article 6 and reach a consensus on how those practical steps can be achieved.

4. We agree with many of the proposals highlighted in paragraph 135 namely the idea of having a rolling text to carry forth the work of each Prep Comm, leading up to the RevCon. We also support the idea of increasing women’s participation in the work of the Committee but would like to support Ireland’s paper on including gender perspectives on nuclear disarmament also.

Mr. Chair,

5. Thailand would like to congratulate Ambassador Adam Bugajski of Poland on his nomination to chair the next PrepCom. We reiterate our determination in working with all State Parties at the 2 upcoming PrepComs which, we believe, should build on the work of this PrepCom. We hope to see a substantive, meaningful, comprehensive, and actionable outcome of the Review in 2020.

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