Mr. Chairman,

First of all, I would like to align myself with the Statement by the EU and the positions of the NPDI regarding pillar three of the NPT.

We support the IAEA’s Technical Cooperation Programme and Peaceful Uses Initiative as effective means to promote benefits of nuclear technology in areas such as human health, agriculture, water management and industrial applications.

This support program covers not only the development of equipment and procedures, but also the development of safeguards approaches, training of Agency inspectors, development of safeguards evaluation methods and the appointment of cost-free experts to the IAEA.
Mr. Chairman,

I would like to underline that the third pillar is one of the reasons why a functioning and fully effective Non-Proliferation Treaty is benefitting all of us, even those amongst us who do not opt for the use of nuclear energy. Those who do not use nuclear energy must be assured that those who do maintain the highest standards of nuclear safety.

Germany commends the IAEA for its crucial work regarding the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

Maintaining satisfactory levels of nuclear security is a global challenge, because the threat of nuclear terrorism has reached global dimensions. No one should assume that the threat only concerns those who actually use nuclear energy. Terrorism does not respect borders. So-called failed states add to the risks of nuclear materials falling out of regulatory control.

The global nuclear security architecture plays an instrumental role in reducing the risks of an incident of nuclear terrorism. Nuclear security is an essential element to peaceful use and should not be viewed as an impediment to the spread of such use. All of those engaged in peaceful nuclear activities want assurance that they are not facing undue risks from nuclear accidents or malicious efforts.

Germany contributed to the process in the field of improving security of radioactive sources and the protection from cyber
attacks against nuclear facilities. Much work needs still to be done. We support the IAEA’s central role in the global nuclear security architecture and we do hope that the momentum can be maintained also in the NPT context.