Mr. President,

As we approach the end of this Review Conference, my delegation stresses once again how deeply honored we were with your election to the Presidency and express our gratitude for your hard work and tireless efforts. Your wisdom and patient orientation came as no surprise to your friends and admirers. I would also like to thank the Chairs of the Main Committees and subsidiary bodies.

My delegation shares with many others a deep sense of frustration. We would have undoubtedly preferred a different result for this Review Conference - one that would reaffirm the commitments agreed upon in previous Conferences and would send a strong message in underlining the centrality of the Treaty and our determination as States Parties to work towards the balanced implementation of its three pillars.

Unfortunately, Mr. President, we collectively missed a precious opportunity. Lack of political will combined with inflexibility and selective approaches concurred for such an outcome.

The absence of significant results in this Conference calls for a thorough reflection about our collective responsibility to uphold the NPT regime. We must continue to reaffirm the validity of the Treaty for there is no alternative to promote our common objectives. In Brazil’s view, only a vigorous multilateralism can enable us to deal, in a sustainable manner, with questions related to international peace and security.
Thank you, Mr. President.