Mr. Chairman,

Allow me to thank you and the chair of the subsidiary body I and both your teams for the draft chairman’s report MC.I REV.4, which merges the previous separate reports. We consider the concise draft as a good basis for our continued deliberations, especially given the diverging views presented in the room. We appreciate that some of suggestions we had put forward as a group of states were incorporated. We intend to provide you with our further comments on issues we believe that still need improvement. As you have requested, this will be done in written later today, therefore in the interest of time, I will just touch upon some of them.

In the preambular part, in PP26 we support the proposal of the Netherlands raised yesterday to make references to the UNGA HLM factually accurate. In PP29 we appreciate that all important statements on the humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons are reflected in the current text. However, we suggest that the same language is used in terms of “noting” the conferences, statements and initiatives because they were not endorsed by all States Parties. In PP30 we concur with proposals made earlier by the Netherlands, Canada and other states.

We are pleased to see the positive reflection of the work of the GGE on recommendations for FMCT, in whose work our national expert actively participated. Since the group consisted of a large number of members and succeeded in adoption of a final consensual report, we propose that a concrete reference of its important work be included in OP16 too. Our delegation also positively notes the text on the CTBT in OP15 and would not like to see any weakening of the language.

As the Czech Republic endorsed the joint statement on disarmament and non-proliferation education delivered by Japan on behalf of a group of 73 countries, we would propose, in this regard, the insertion of the text that was originally included at the very end of the paragraph 18 of the first draft of the substantive elements of the subsidiary body 1.

Finally, in the spirit of streamlining the text, we propose the merging of OP19 and OP20 that relates to the effective measures. The Czech Republic as a supporter of effective, practical and parallel building blocks thus suggests that OP20 be deleted and OP19 be amended accordingly by insertion of the text “a set of practical building blocks that can be realized simultaneously and” after the wording ending with “article VI” in the third line of the paragraph and before the text starting with “legal provisions”.

I thank you for your attention.