Sweden’s closing statement to 2015 NPT Review Conference
22 May 2015

Mme President,

Sweden thanks you, Ambassadors Roman-Moray, Laggner, Istrate, Morro, and Stuart, their teams, and the Secretariat for their tireless efforts and excellent work in trying to reach consensus.

We regret that consensus could not be achieved. It would have been of particular importance in light of the current severe security environment and with the increased risk that nuclear weapons could be used, by accident, miscalculation or design, with catastrophic consequences, for humans and the sustainable environment that accompany any use of nuclear weapons.

The NPT Regime remains the cornerstone of nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation and the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and a key instrument for international peace and security. Its vital role cannot be questioned through a failure to reach consensus.

Mme President,

The current security environment makes the humanitarian perspective, the recognition of risk, risk reduction, nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation all the more important. It is in the interest of the very survival of humanity that NW are never used again, under any circumstances, and it is essential that all States at all times comply with applicable international law, including international humanitarian law.

We look forward to working with partners to take this work forward through all possible routes and channels, inside and outside the United Nations system, in ways that are inclusive, structured and effective, and that ensure that substantive results can be achieved. This will strengthen and implement the NPT and deal with the real security challenges of today.

Thank you very much, Mme. President.