STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GHANA AT THE 3RD
CONFERENCE OF THE HUMANITARIAN IMPACT OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA, 8-9 DECEMBER, 2014

Mr. President,

The delegation of Ghana extends appreciation to you for your effective
leadership and the excellent hospitality.

Ghana aligns itself with the statement delivered by the Islamic Republic
of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement. Ghana is deeply
cconcerned by the dangers of nuclear weapons proliferation and this
informs our commitment to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and to
all other multilateral declarations and resolutions in that regard.

While we acknowledge all the ongoing efforts by the Nuclear Weapon
States to disarm, we also urge them to place their disarmament
programmes under an international verification mechanism to promote
the confidence of the international community in the progress being
made towards complete nuclear disarmament.

Ghana also calls upon all States to ratify the Comprehensive Nuclear
Test Ban Treaty and to desist from any clandestine attempts to pursue
nuclear weapon technologies aimed at enhancing their potency.

Mr. President,

Ghana joins the call for the commencement of negotiations on a Treaty
aimed at banning the production, acquisition, development, transfer and
stockpile of Nuclear Weapons by the expanded membership of a
reconstituted Conference on Disarmament. For the avoidance of any
doubt, any such negotiations on Nuclear Disarmament, in our view,
must include the Nuclear Weapon States and Non-Nuclear Weapon
States alike.
While Ghana appreciates the conundrum in which the international community finds itself today, with regard to the prolonged stalemate at the Conference on Disarmament, we also remain concerned about the long wait by the international community for a nuclear weapon-free world. We call on the Conference to continue to exploit all options necessary to urgently commence negotiations on a nuclear disarmament Treaty.

Mr. President,

Ghana also joins other voices in calling for a globally-sustained promotion of public awareness about the dangers of nuclear weapons. In furtherance of this course, Ghana calls for the creation of a funding mechanism to support a global campaign of awareness creation on a sustainable basis.

Thank you, Mr. President.