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Chairperson,

This Conference builds the momentum, which should contribute towards the goals of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons at its Review Conference in 2015. We welcome all the bilateral and multinational efforts that support this objective.

We point to the success achieved by the NPT in the past and urge states to continue practical step-by-step approach towards nuclear disarmament. Simultaneously, we see non-proliferation and disarmament as mutually reinforcing processes to a safer world. We urge remaining states to sign and ratify the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty for its entry into force.

Further reductions and eventual elimination of nuclear arsenals require substantive engagement of all the states, which possess nuclear weapons, and it needs conductive strategic environment. In this regard we thank Ukraine for its statement.

This discussion today will bring important aspects to the work of NPT Review Conference next year.

Thank you.