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MAIN COMMITTEE I

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On behalf of

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SOUTH AFRICA, SWEDEN AND NEW ZEALAND**

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**New Agenda Coalition: Short Statement to Main Committee I
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Mr Chairman

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the seven members of the New Agenda Coalition, which are Brazil, Egypt, Ireland, Mexico, South Africa, Sweden, and my own country, New Zealand.

We congratulate you on your election, Mr Chairman, and look forward to working under your chairmanship. We have heard and responded to your plea for delegations to be brief.

The objective of the New Agenda Coalition at this Conference is the achievement of real progress toward nuclear disarmament.

In order to set out our negotiating position, we wish to draw the Committee's attention to three documents, which outline essential elements of the Coalition's position.

First, the statement made in yesterday's Plenary meeting on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition. In the interests of time, we will not now repeat that statement, but for ease of reference we will re-circulate that statement to this Committee.

Second, document NPT/Conf.2005/WP.27, entitled "Working Paper on Nuclear Disarmament to Main Committee I", submitted by New Zealand on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition. This will also be re-circulated with our statement.

Third, the New Agenda Coalition's working paper on Security Assurances, originally submitted to the Second Preparatory Committee as document NPT/Conf.2005/PC.2/WP.11. This document will shortly be reissued as a Review Conference working paper.

The New Agenda Coalition will be drawing on these papers and making contributions on specific subjects throughout this Committee's work.

Thank you Mr Chairman.