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STATEMENT
On behalf of the New Agenda Coalition

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Mr Chairperson,

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

I take the floor to introduce Working Paper NPT/CONF.2010/PC.III/WP.11, which is the NAC's third working paper in this review cycle, complementing the two working papers tabled at the previous sessions of the Preparatory Committee.

In our new working paper the New Agenda Coalition offers some additional reflections and substantive recommendations on ways forward for nuclear disarmament work during the current review cycle. These include:

- Reiterating the great importance of upholding the foundation architecture of the Treaty, including the outcomes agreed by consensus at previous review conferences, such as the decisions and resolution in 1995 and the final document in 2000. The 2010 Review Conference should reaffirm these commitments and build upon them further with a view to strengthening the Treaty.
- Calling for urgent further reductions in nuclear forces, in particular significant, transparent, verifiable and irreversible reductions in strategic and non-strategic nuclear arsenals by the two nuclear-weapon States which possess over 90% of the global arsenals, whilst welcoming the recent joint statement by the Russian and US Presidents.
- Underlining the vital importance of early entry into force of the CTBT and welcoming recent ratifications and signatures, as well as statements by the US and China of their intent to actively pursue ratification in the near term.
- Stressing our continued support for the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones and welcoming the recent progress in some regions, such as Central Asia where a new zone has entered into force and in Africa where further ratification has brought the zone closer to entry into force, while calling for urgent progress on this issue in the Middle East.

Mr Chairperson,

These are just a few elements from our new working paper. As we said in our statement in the general debate, all three NAC working papers remain current and could be drawn upon when building consensus on substantive recommendations for next year's Review Conference.

Thank you.