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MADAM PRESIDENT.

ALLOW ME FIRST ON BEHALF OF THE DELEGATION OF ARGENTINA TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR YOUR ELECTION TO CHAIR THIS COMMITTEE. THIS FACT CONTRIBUTES TO STENGHTHEN THE GENDER PERSPECTIVE IN THESE ISSUES. WE EXTEND OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME THE NEW UNDER-SECRETARY GENERAL, AMB. TANAKA, AND WISH HIM SUCCESS IN THE FULLFILMENT OF HIS DUTIES.

MADAM PRESIDENT.

WE FULLY SHARE THE STATEMENTS THAT THE DISTINGUISHED DELEGATION OF BRAZIL WILL MAKE ON BEHALF OF MERCOSUR AND ITS ASSOCIATED STATES DURING THE THEMATIC DEBATE.

FOR THE SAKE OF BRIEFNIESS, I WILL LIMIT MYSELF TO THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

1. TO ADAPT AND REDEFINE THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE REGIONAL STRUCTURES TO THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ENVIROMENT REQUIRES AN EFFECTIVE MULTILATERAL DIALOGUE.

IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, WE FACE A SITUATION OF PARALISIS OF THE SO CALLED "DISARMAMENT MACHINERY" THAT CANNOT CONTINUE.

THE ARGENTINE DELEGATION CALLS UPON ALL DELEGATIONS TO ESTABLISH A FRANK DIALOGUE THAT ALLOWS TO ADOPT A PRAGMATIC APPROACH IN ORDER TO GIVE AN ANSWER TO THE NEW CHALLENGES.

2. IN THE FIELD OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, WE CONTINUE ACTIVELY PROMOTING UNIVERSALITY AND STRENGTHENING OF EXISTING DISARMAMENT AND NON PROLIFERATION LEGALLY BINDING INSTRUMENTS, WITH A VIEW TO STRENGTHEN THE BASIS OF SHARED SECURITY.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE STRENGTHENING OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION REGIME SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED WITH THE ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY BY STATES THAT FULLY COMPLY WITH THEIR INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE EXCESIVE ACCUMULATION OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS, AND IN PARTICULAR SMALL ARMS, IS BOTH A CONSEQUENCE OF TENSIONS OR CONFLICTS AND ONE OF THE CAUSES OF THEIR DETERIORATION OR EXTENSION AS WELL AS THE HIGH RATES OF CRIMINALITY AND DEATH OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS.

WE CONGRATULATE OURSELVES OF THE RESULTS ACHIEVED THIS YEAR BY THE GROUP OG GOVERNAMENTAL EXPERTS ON THE UNITED NATIONS REGISTER ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS. THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT THE RELEVANCE OF THIS CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURE FOR INCREASING TRANSPARENCY AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL.

AT THE SAME TIME, WE CANNOT PREVENT OURSELVES FROM EXPRESSING OUR FRUSTRATION FOR THE LACK OF RESULTS DURING THE REVIEW CONFERENCE ON THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION TO PREVENT, COMBAT AND ERADICATE THE ILLICIT TRAFFICKING IN SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS IN ALL ITS ASPECTS. WE HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO RE-DIRECT THIS EXERCISE IN THE SHORT TERM.

3. DURING 59 UNGA, ARGENTINA TOOK THE INITIATIVE OF INTRODUCING THE DRAFT RESOLUTION "INFORMATION IN CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES IN THE FIELD OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS". WE DID SO CONVINCED OF THE FACT THAT DIALOGUE AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING ARE THE BASIS FOR GENERATING THE POLITICAL WILL NEEDED.

AFTER ADOPTING RESOLUTIONS 59/92 AND 60/82 WITHOUT A VOTE AND WITH AN IMPORTANT NUMBER OF COSPONSORS, AND HAVING BEEN ESTABLISHED THE DATA BASE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS, WE BELIEVE THAT WE ARE IN A POSITION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE EFFICIENCY OF THE WORK OF THIS COMMITTEE AND PROCEED TO BIENNIALIZE THIS RESOLUTION.

WE THANK THE EXPRESSIONS OF CO-SPONSORSHIP RECEIVED AND ONCE AGAIN WE INVITE ALL DELEGATIONS TO JOIN THIS INITIATIVE.

MADAM PRESIDENT,

BEFORE CONCLUDING, WE EXPRESS OUR RECOGNITION AND GRATITUDE TO THE OUT-GOING PRESIDENT OF FIRST COMMITTEE, AMB. CHOI, OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, FOR HIS EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE AND LEADERSHIP.

MADAM PRESIDENT, YOU CAN COUNT ON THE FULL COOPERATION OF OUR DELEGATION IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE AN EXPECTED FRUITFUL SESSION.

THANK YOU.