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*In the name of God the Beneficent the most Merciful*

***Mr. President***

My Country's Delegation is pleased to present to Your Excellency its sincere congratulations on your election to chair the First Committee during this session. We have full confidence in your expertise and wise leadership to conduct the Committee's work in standards to which we all aspire and will achieve the desired results. I wish you and all the members of the esteemed Committee success and prosperity for their effective contribution to the execution of the Committee's duties in a manner which we all expect.

***Mr. President***

In 1978, the International Community has outlined the priorities that address disarmament issues by adopting the Final Document of the first special session of the General Assembly on Disarmament. This document established that the international efforts should start by nuclear disarmament then the disarmament of the other weapons of mass destruction including chemical, biological and conventional weapons; as well as those that could be deemed to be excessively injurious or to have indiscriminate effects; and the reduction of armed forces which will end in alignment with achieving the ultimate goal

of the United Nations Charter in prevailing international peace and security.

In spite of the ongoing great efforts since then, negligence is the dominant characteristic of the multilateral efforts to achieve the aspirations of the international community. Despite limited success in the adoption of treaties and international controls on the weapons of mass destruction's disarmament, we find that these treaties become valueless and in defiance due to the failure of some states to comply with those treaties while the International Community remains in deep silence and utter disregard; and in accordance with policies built on double standards that consequently lead to halt the majority of the disarmament mechanisms including the Conference on Disarmament.

***Mr. President***

We have recently witnessed the high-level meeting of the Security Council on nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September, 2009, which confirms the International Community's efforts in preventing proliferation and disarmament and emphasizes on preventing the terrorist groups from having access to nuclear weapons. After the disappointment we experienced due to the failure of the 2005 Review Conference on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons Treaty, we hope and look forward once again to bypassing this stage and achieve success in the Review Conference of the NPT to be held in New York in 2010 which will lead the States

Moreover, this duality also contributes to sending wrong signals to all of these countries.

***Mr. President***

While the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia supports all countries' right to the peaceful use of nuclear energy, including the right of access to knowledge and peaceful nuclear technology, it calls on all parties to adhere to the path of negotiations and peaceful solutions. From this rostrum, the Delegation of my Country's Government calls upon all parties to commit themselves to a peaceful solution on the Iranian nuclear issue in order to preserve the security of the region and avoid the perils of wars from which the countries of the Middle East region suffered in the previous recent years.

***Mr. President***

The world today faces grave challenges and responsibilities that maximize the responsibility of our Organization; and it is a must to make hope the beacon that leads us to be objective, serious and working with a constructive spirit. This is what we aspire to achieve through the work of this Committee under your esteemed chairmanship.

***Thank you, Mr. President,***