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**Mr. President**

Since this is the first time I take the floor under your presidency, allow me to congratulate you on your assumption as the President of the Conference on Disarmament, and assure you the full cooperation of my delegation.

Mr. President

The distinguished Ambassador of France today presented a statement of the President of the French Republic to be distributed as a document of the Conference, which contains some claims and allegations against other members of the Conference. We will study the substantive part of the statement and present our position on that in due time.

Mr. President

We are seriously concerned about the position of some Nuclear Weapon States including France for fabricating every excuse to avoid the fulfillment of their obligations under Article VI of the NPT, nuclear disarmament and the total elimination of nuclear weapons.

Thank you