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Madame President,

Since this is the first time that I take the floor under your presidency, allow me to congratulate you on the assumption of the presidency of the CD and thank you for the manner that you are presiding over this body. I would like to assure you the full cooperation of my delegation in discharging your important tasks as the President of the CD. I would also like to welcome the valuable statement delivered by Ms Finn, the representative of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom in which she provided us a very useful out of the box review from the situation of disarmament.

Madame President

A large number of members of the International Community, including this delegation, have repeatedly called the attention of international community to the threat posed by nuclear weapons to the international peace and security as well as to the security of every individual state. Last week in Oslo the representatives of 127 countries alongside with 11 international organization and many NGOs discussed the catastrophic humanitarian impacts of nuclear weapons on mankind and our planet. The common denominator of all statements was that the threat is huge, the grave humanitarian consequences of the nuclear weapons are enormous, nothing can be done for preparedness in the case of a nuclear deliberate or accidental detention and the only way to tackle this immediate threat is prevention. The best way for prevention is
nuclear disarmament and total elimination of these in humane and illegitimate weapons by negotiation of a nuclear weapon convention.

We are of the firm conviction that the existence of nuclear weapons is the greatest threat to the security of all nations. We have requested for the immediate action by the international community to eliminate that threat. One might ask what the first best practical measure to reduce the danger of nuclear weapons is. In response we believe that piecemeal undertakings and cost-free disjointed measures by the NWS are not an option. Thus we very much support the start of the negotiations on a Nuclear Weapon Convention that totally and systematically prohibit possession, production, development, stockpiling, transfer and use or threat of use of the nuclear weapons. As we have already proposed the Nuclear Weapon Convention as a framework and chapeau convention will include interalia, the following areas that are relevant to topic of discussion for today: 1- Banning the production of all weapon-grade fissile material for military explosive purposes 2- Declaring all stocks of weapon-grade fissile material and their elimination in an irreversible and verifiable manner within an agreed timetable. Therefore if we start our negotiations on the Nuclear Weapon Convention we can be sure that all aspects of the fissile materials would be comprehensively tackled in a systematic manner. It is clear that this non discriminatory, effectively verifiable, legally binding instrument will ban the production and provides the legal commitment for the destruction of all existing fissile material for nuclear weapons in an irreversible and verifiable manner; therefore it will be perceived in the framework of nuclear disarmament and total elimination of nuclear weapons. In this context the FMT would be a meaningful disarmament measure. Otherwise the FMCT would only prohibit
the production of surplus fissile material for nuclear weapon states that is an ineffective measure in the field of disarmament and is meaningless.

In the same spirit, I once again re-emphasis that a FMT should not be turned into a futile and innocent instrument for the nuclear weapon states and their stockpiles, by narrowing it down to a polished depleted package of non-proliferation. We will never accept such an approach. The FMT should be a clear and meaningful step for the nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation in all its aspects. Past production and existing stocks as well as the future production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices must be covered under the scope of the Treaty.

**Madame President,**

We believe that every state have an especial responsibility to work toward removal of the threat of the existence of nuclear weapons. The FMT only has a value added when it would add a new firm commitment to the nuclear weapons states and this will happen merely when it would be inclusive of all nuclear weapon states and those who have the nuclear weapon capability; it would covers all the stocks of the nuclear weapons states and when it would be universal. Having said that, we believe that the best place for the negotiation of the FMT is the CD. We call on the CD members to avoid divergent unhelpful efforts outside the CD which put the credibility of this body under question. We urge all members to do their utmost efforts in a convergent manner to adopt and implement a balanced and comprehensive program of work on the basis of its agenda and dealing with all core issues in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the CD.

**Madame President,**
In response to some comments about my country in the previous meeting of the CD, I would like to underline the following points:

1- Resorting to such baseless and biased allegations against my country in no way helps France or any other country to evade its responsibilities and commitments on nuclear disarmament or whitewashes its records in this regard.

2- The Iranian peaceful nuclear activities which have been put under scrutiny of the IAEA by Iran, even beyond its current obligations is totally unrelated to the mandate and goals of this body. We are working with the IAEA as competent authority and as yet in contrary to the allegations raised, there is not even a single evidence of diversion of our peaceful activities.

3- We have constructively participated in Almaty negotiations and we will pursue seriously and positively the upcoming follow-up for this negotiation. As confirmed by both sides this negotiation was useful. The final outcome of these negotiations however depends on seriousness and faithfulness of the P5+1 and avoiding harmful and unconstructive actions by them. Indeed sticking or reverting again to the past failed experiences of prejudgment, biased propaganda, and pressure against great nation of Iran are not at all helpful and destruct the emerging confidence necessary for the success of the negotiation.

4- It was evident that the policy of talk and pressure is doomed to failure. I therefore invite those few countries with hostile attitudes and conduct during past decades to change the gear from confrontation mode to the negotiating one for the purpose of cooperation. The window of opportunity is still open.

I thank you Madame President