Mr. President,

I am pleased to see that Indonesia, is presiding over this august body so efficiently. I would like to assure you the full support of my delegation.

The history of the developments related to the Negative Security Assurances is indicative of a close linkage between the NPT and the NSA. The NSA was the cornerstone of the package that helped the final conclusion of the NPT. The Non-nuclear Weapon States decided to join the NPT, being aware of the discriminatory nature of this Treaty, with this understanding that they would not be the target of use or threat to use of nuclear weapons. The credibility of the non-proliferation regime depends on the degree of fulfillment of the promises of the NWSs as the highest beneficiaries of this international regime.

The NWSs made some unilateral declarations, Subject to the full commitment of nuclear weapon states to their declarations, these assurances remain partial, declarative and limited with no legal burden on the part of nuclear weapon states which does not constitute at all credible assurances. Let alone the recent developments that some nuclear weapon states fully breach these commitments and in a flagrant manner explicitly and implicitly threaten the non-nuclear weapon states parties to the NPT.

The recent developments are not at all conducive to the goal of the NSA and the resistance against the start of negotiation on this issue is indicative of scenarios for possible use of nuclear weapons. The deplorable boycotting of the Oslo Conference by NWSs, in which the representatives of 127 countries many international organizations and the NGOs discussed the catastrophic humanitarian impacts of nuclear weapons on mankind and our plane in the case of a deliberate or accidental nuclear weapon use was a setback with regard to the NSA and showed that the threat of use of nuclear weapon is real. This action is clear example of the reluctance of some NWSs to start negotiation on The NSA.

The NSA would not provide any technical difficulties or excuses to resort to the technical difficulties. The CD has witnessed a proposal that was one sentence treaty. Indeed, if there would have been political will and honesty rather than hypocrisy and duplicity, this negotiation has been very simple and should have been reached to concrete results many years ago. It is deploring that after more than 33 years of presenting this issue to the CD, the NSA still eludes us.

Mr. President,

The International community should not be silent about the threats emanating
from some of the NWSs against the NNWSs parties to the NPT which officially and repeatedly proclaimed by the high ranking officials of some nuclear weapon states. These threats are the blatant breach of the UN Charter, the agreed principles in the SSOD1 the advisory opinion of the ICJ on illegality of use of such weapons, and the package for conclusion and extension of the NPT which shall not be tolerated any more. We should not await the deployment of such weapons to react. Such policies and practices seem to have learned no lesson from the massacre of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the grave humanitarian consequences of using of the nuclear weapons. Therefore these kinds of inhumane threats should be condemned and not be condoned or repeated anymore.

Mr. President,

While we believe that the NWFZs are positive steps towards strengthening global nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation and it is essential that NWSs provide unconditional assurances against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons to all States of such zones. We reject the arguments stating that security assurances should only be granted in the context of nuclear-weapon free zones. Insistence on these kinds of weak arguments only puts the credibility of the NPT into jeopardy.

As the initiator of the proposal of the establishment in the Middle East a zone free of all nuclear weapons, since 1974 we firmly support the speedy establishment of NWFZ in the Middle East. But it is a matter of serious concern that due to the highest level of double standard and discrimination by some nuclear weapon states in generous rewarding and pampering the non NPT party of the region and at the same time exerting the highest level of pressure and threats against the NPT parties, the only obstacle for the creation of such a zone in the region which is the Non- NPT party feel no pressure to move in the direction of creation of such a zone in the Middle East. In fact the reprehensible discrimination of some nuclear weapon states create a special situation for the non NPT party of the Middle East that puts its protégé beyond and above any international norms and regulations.

We remain convinced that the only absolute guarantee against the use or the threat of use of nuclear weapons is their total elimination through transparent, verifiable and irreversible measures, in accordance with article VI of the NPT and as stipulated in the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice in 1996. Pending achieving that goal, nuclear-weapon States must provide legally binding credible and effective security assurances to the non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of these weapons. therefore, the conclusion of a universal, unconditional and legally binding instrument on security assurances to non-nuclear weapon States should be pursued as a matter of priority by the international community. We propose that the Conference on Disarmament establish an ad hoc committee to negotiate on a draft of a legally binding instrument on the illegality of use of nuclear weapons and providing unconditional security assurances by the nuclear-weapon States to non-nuclear-weapon States parties to the NPT as a matter of urgency.

I thank you Mr. President