Mr. President,

Allow me at the beginning to welcome the Ambassadors of Chile, Republic of Korea, Germany and the United Kingdom to the Conference on Disarmament. Rest assured of my delegation’s support and cooperation in discharging their duties.

I would like to commend for all your efforts in conducting intensive consultations with Member States since the beginning of your presidency and during the CD recess period.

I welcome the President’s approach for the CD that is first to try to come up with a Programme of Work and if this is not feasible, then CD will consider the proposal of H.E. Mr. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev on 18 June 2013, on the establishment of an Informal Working Group on producing a Programme of Work.

I have read carefully your suggestions regarding Mr. Tokayev’s proposal. In principle, Indonesia could go along with the contents of your paper which I consider valid and pragmatic. In that regard, allow me to make the following comments:

- **First**, Indonesia underlines the importance for the CD Member States to have a shared responsibility in formulating a text on a Programme of Work. As I once stated in the CD plenary, the responsibility to devise a Programme of Work should no longer be entrusted as the sole responsibility of the CD President. All CD member states should actively engage in the process.

- **Second**, if the informal working group is to be established, then it should not be restricted to the 2013 CD timetable which usually ends before the First Committee begins. The President’s proposal to consider having an informal working group meeting in November and December is sensible. We should also open the possibility of extending its mandate beyond 2013 if we wish, or if there is a need to do so.

- **Third**, the mandate of an informal working group to formulate a Programme of Work is determined by the CD, as stipulated in the CD Rules of Procedures, article 23. As in any other multilateral bodies or forum, a chairperson for this informal group will consult and report to the President of the CD on a regular basis on the progress of formulating a Programme of Work. In this context, respective mandate of a chairperson of an informal working group and the President of the CD is not conflicting. In fact, a chairperson of an informal working group is assisting the Presidents of the CD in discharging their duty, as mandated in article 29 of the CD Rules of Procedure.

Mr. President,

It is our fervent hope that the Conference could get back to its substantive work. We also hope that in this current session, we will be able to do something to unlock the impasse of the Conference on Disarmament.

I thank you, Mr. President.