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Mr. Chairman,

First of all, let me say that I am glad to see you, Ambassador Percaya, as Chairman of the First Committee. I am sure that you and your Bureau will successfully guide the Committee's work.

San Marino, the country that I have the honor to represent, was able to keep its independence for centuries not with the strength of an armed force but with the use of peaceful means.

We believe that in today world the only solution for keeping peace and security is the use of multilateral diplomacy, with the goal of universal disarmament.

Mr. Chairman,

We urge all member States to accelerate the process of nuclear disarmament.

We believe that to succeed in such difficult, but not impossible, task we must strengthen the international multilateral armed control system.

Moreover, we strongly support the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, as well as a total nuclear disarmament.

We embrace the Japanese resolution entitled "United Action towards the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons" and we do hope that this resolution will receive the largest sponsorship from member States.

We regret that the conference on Disarmament did not meet the goals and hopes of the international community.

We thank the IAEA for its continuous effort in its monitoring work.
Strengthening the control of non-proliferation is of paramount importance to all of us. Doing so, it will be easier to benefit from the pacific use of nuclear energy.

Mr. Chairman,

The clock is ticking. Statistically, the chance that a nuclear catastrophe could materialize at any time either due to military use, human error or terroristic act is getting more and more probable.

The most effective action to diminish such tragic potential consequences should be a renewed effort for cooperation among member States.

Mr. Chairman,

We also need to address our attention towards conventional weapons. We were disappointed by the result of the July UN Conference on Arms Trade Treaty.

In fact, we were not able to adopt a legally binding instrument.

We hope that such efforts will be renewed until a positive result will be obtained.

We are encouraged by the adoption, by consensus, of the outcome document of the Review Conference on UN Program of Action on the illicit trade of small arms and light weapons.

Mr. Chairman,

In conclusion, we collectively shall encourage non-nuclear countries not to embrace the atomic military path and at the same time we shall ask those countries that have a nuclear arsenal to take upon themselves the responsibility to gradually eliminate their devastating inventory.
We, as an international community, must accelerate and double our efforts with a relentless will and determination to eliminate all the existing nuclear arsenals, as well as reducing and eliminate any other weapon of mass destruction.

In our best collective interest, the sooner we act, the better it will be.

Thank you.