Mister Chairman,

This message is actually an invitation: an invitation addressed to the Delegations of States who are allies of States possessing nuclear weapons.

We invite them to also become our allies, so that, together, we can explain to the States possessing nuclear weapons that these weapons can in no way guarantee their security. In fact, since the beginning of the Nuclear Era it has become impossible to guarantee the security of a given State by threatening other States.

As a consequence, we are now living in a world where only two scenarios are possible:

- either security is ensured for all States
- or there is no security for any State (and this is the present situation in the world)

In other words: every nuclear deterrence power is in reality an illusion, and an illusion which can at any time turn into a mass suicide; it is also a powerful engine of proliferation.

It is therefore high time that all States possessing nuclear weapons, irrespective of any dispute among them, sit around a table and start negotiating a nuclear disarmament, which must be real, swift and reliable. Well, a Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty can only help such an initiative.

There is indeed no time to lose: we already are “3 minutes to midnight”, i.e. to the Apocalypse, the symbol used by the Atomic Scientists, as in the worst periods of the Cold War, and we are all in the same boat, not to say in the same “hell”.

Mister Chairman, thank you for helping us in this approach!

Second statement, during the debate:

“ The expression “statu quo”, utilised by several delegations, is not appropriate to describe the present situation of nuclear armaments in the world, mainly because of their continuous modernisation (a “vertical proliferation”), which implies that the so called “step by step” approach is often, in reality, a “backward step” process.

Similarly, the term “stability”, referring to the present geopolitical situation of the world, does not correspond to the reality of a world where armed conflicts are in continuous progression and where the risk of a nuclear conflict is not only high but also increasing”