Thank you, Mr Chairman and distinguished delegates.

First of all, I would like to extend our deep gratitude and thanks to the government of Mexico for hosting the second conference on the humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons. Because of the time limits, I will highlight some points regarding Iraq’s position toward this issue.

Our common goal and aims beyond the security and safety measures is to protect humanity and the environment, thus Iraq believes that we should formulate nuclear safety and security measures which should be laid out and managed and that follows nuclear facilities strongly and coherently.

The Iraqi government reconfirms the importance of creating a capacity and readiness for nuclear emergencies, not only to respond to their bad effects in the frame of nuclear safety and security.

The Iraqi government welcome the reforms exerted by the IAEA to give recommendations about the relations between nuclear safety and security, making sure that they are not in danger, mentioning at the same time that the radioactive materials include also nuclear fuels and wastes. Iraq encourages all states to take into account the necessary plans and measures through which these materials should be totally under control.

Mr Chairman,

Iraq shares the position of a movement and calls for complete obligations to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the illegality of use or threats of nuclear weapons that are generally contrary to the rules of the international law.

Iraq believes that the only way to assure non-use of nuclear weapons is through the complete elimination of these weapons and rebuilding confidence among states, parties, and international treaties.

Iraq reaffirms that it is necessary to maintain debates for globalising the Non-Proliferation Treaty to prevent arms races, especially in the Middle East, which might complicate its political statute and increase the risk of armed conflicts, the consequences of which will be tragic.

Finally, Iraq deeply welcomes the initiative of the Austrian government to host the third conference which we are sure will be a major step to achieve our ultimate goal for removing nuclear weapons.

Thank you very much.