Mr. Chairman,

In the last three days, we have enjoyed the hospitality of the government of Mexico in hosting this important meeting. Nayarit has provided a very, wonderful and beautiful scenery that has enabled us to reflect on the irreparable damage of any nuclear mishap. For this, the Nigerian delegation remains appreciative of the efforts of the Mexican government and the state of Nayarit.

But can we imagine for a minute what would happen, in the early fallout of nuclear attack in this beautiful city? Everything we have cherished and enjoyed in the last three days would have being gone. Emptiness would have taking the place of fullness. That is why the Nigerian delegation would like to use this opportunity to once again express its concerns and fears about the continued existence of nuclear weapons on the surface of the earth. We are concerned that till now, there is no international treaty banning these weapons of mass destruction.

Mr. Chairman,

We note though, with satisfaction the growing awareness of the humanitarian and environmental impact of any nuclear detonation either by accident or intent. The reality of any such disaster has been forcefully brought to us through survivors’ testimonies and various presentations here.

It is on this note that we commend the Government of Norway for holding the first conference on the humanitarian impact of these weapons, where more than 127 countries and other stakeholders participated. This wide participation of countries both in Oslo and here in Nayarit, signalled the extensive concerns we all have for the survival of the human race. It is therefore time for the Nuclear Weapon States to realise that these weapons have no place in our world today.
Mr. Chairman,

We do not want to be victims of nuclear famine, we condemn anything that will destroy global economy, development and the environment. As such, the only guarantee against the threat of nuclear weapons lies in their total elimination from the surface of the earth.

As we look forward to Austria later this year, it would be necessary and indeed important to have constructive engagement with the P5 and others, on the absolute necessity to commence the process of abolishing these unnecessary weapons of mass destruction.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, my delegation would continue to call on all States, particularly the Nuclear Weapon States, for the sake of humanity, to have a rethink, disarm and end this proclivity towards the destruction of human existence. We call on all States Parties to the NPT to demonstrate practical commitment to its Article VI.

I thank you.