Mr. Chairman,

I would like to express our gratitude to the delegation of Canada for the statement it made just now on the topic of institutional reform of the NPT process.

I can be brief at this stage.

We very much welcome that our predecessors were so wise and farsighted to put the topic of “Improving the effectiveness of the strengthened review process” on the agenda of NPT meetings.

Indeed, we should always ask ourselves how we can make our work more effective and more efficient in all its aspects, politically, but also from a practical point of view. For instance: how can we sharpen the substantive focus of the sequence of the three PrepComs in preparation of the Review Conference? How can we use our time more efficiently? How can we cut down on unnecessary duplication?

Mr. Chairman,

Germany has supported institutional reform efforts in the run-up to the 2010 Review Conference and at the RevCon 2010 itself.

Today we only wish to flag that we continue to be interested in this matter.

That is to say we are interested in discussing a limited number of focussed and clearly targeted measures designed to improve the effectiveness of our collective work.

We look forward to engage in this discussion with other interested member states.

I thank you.