Mr. Chairman,

My delegation aligns itself with the statement by the representative of Indonesia on behalf of Non-Alignment Movement.

Viet Nam reiterates the inalienable right of all the Parties to develop research, production and use of nuclear energy for the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, as enshrined in Article 4 of the NPT. Viet Nam pursues the consistent policy of exclusively peaceful use of nuclear energy, while ensuring nuclear safety and security, and in a responsible manner.

Viet Nam’s related policy has been reflected in the Strategy for Peaceful use of energy, adopted in 2006, the Atomic Energy Laws of 2008 and other relevant legislations which promote research and application of radio and radioactive isotopes for socio-economic development. With an existing atomic research centre in use, we have utilised effectively the benefits of atomic energy in agriculture, industries, health care, climate change response and nuclear energy studies.

Mr. Chairman,

We concluded the Safeguards Agreement with the IAEA in 1990 and ratified its additional protocol in 2012. We also participated in almost all
IAEA’s related conventions on nuclear safety and security. We have strictly adhered to our commitments under these instruments and our efforts have been recognised by IAEA and other international partners.

In this spirit, Viet Nam calls on other Parties to join and implement IAEA’s instruments, particularly the conventions on safety, early notification, assistance in case of incidents, for mitigating domestic and trans-boundary possible impacts, thus further contributing to the NPT effective implementation.

Mr. Chairman,

We highly appreciate IAEA for its technical assistance and technology transfer to Viet Nam, as well as to other developing countries, to ensure the rights and needs for development and usage of nuclear energy in a safe, secure and peaceful manner. We are also grateful to other partners, including the European Union, the United States, Russia, France, the United Kingdom, Japan and the Republic of Korea for their valuable cooperation and supports from in these fields.

We reaffirm our support for IAEA as the key international organization in charge of peaceful uses of nuclear energy. However, we emphasize that activities related to safeguards and verifications, including collection of information from parties, should be conducted in a fair, objective, technical credibility and non-discriminatory manner, in accordance with respective safeguards agreement and additional protocol.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, we strongly believe that successful implementation of the NPT and its review process will contribute to global sustaining peace and prosperity.

It is my delegation’s hope that this equally important 3rd pillar of the NPT would have its more emphasised and merit place in the outcome documents and proposals of the PrepComs and of the 2020 NPT Review Conference itself.

We thank you for your attention./.