Mr. Chairman

At the outset allow me to congratulate you on the assumption of your duties as Chairman of the Second Preparatory Committee meeting of the 2020 NPT Review Conference and for the thorough preparation of this meeting. I assure you for my delegation's full support.

Allow me also express my appreciation for the constructive guidance of the Chair of the First Preparatory Committee, Amb. Henk Cor van der Kwast.

Greece fully aligns herself to the preceded general statement delivered by the E.U. and would like to further contribute, in my national capacity, few remarks in form of a synthesis.

Mr. Chairman

First and foremost, we must strive to safeguard and reinforce the N.P.T., as it is halfway in its current review – important and critical on many aspects – cycle that will lead us to the 2020 Review Conference. The N.P.T. is, and rightly so, the cornerstone of the global non-proliferation and disarmament architecture.

There is no doubt about the importance to uphold the principle of undiminished security for all and the fact that we bear witness to a 21st century ever changing, increasingly diverse and challenging, global security environment. This however should not prevent us from giving, prudently and realistically, a new impetus to the interrelated pace of non-proliferation and progressive disarmament. It is in this very undertaking to bolster the global non-proliferation and disarmament architecture that we have to accelerate efforts to an F.M.C.T. and a Nuclear Disarmament Verification framework.

Mr. Chairman

The catalyst encapsulating the holistic approach indicated above would be a dialogue among nuclear weapon States and non-nuclear weapons States that could significantly enhance any future nuclear arms reduction, leading ultimately to complete nuclear disarmament.

This is the reason why we deem necessary to reiterate once more the importance of the 2020 NPT Review Conference."
We hope that the deliberations of the coming dates will further to narrow our differences and contribute to building a safer world.

Thank you