Statement of
of the Republic of Poland
Cluster I – Nuclear Disarmament

Mr. Chairman,

Poland fully associates itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the European Union within the framework of the Cluster I.

I would like also to draw your attention to the working documents issued by the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative that are relevant to nuclear disarmament – namely, “the NPDI Proposals to Enhance Transparency for strengthening the NPT Review Process”. Let me now add couple of remarks in my national capacity.

Mr. Chairman,

The nuclear security remains an indispensable part of the Polish security policy. Poland shares the view of the world without nuclear weapons and in this context stresses the uniqueness of the NPT as the only credible instrument to reach this goal. However, to achieve it all State Parties must fully adhere to all provisions of the NPT.

Poland deeply believes that progress in disarmament is not possible without creation of appropriate security conditions. Only by addressing both, the legitimate security concerns as well as humanitarian dimensions of nuclear weapons we will be able to take the incremental steps that will enhance our security and lead us towards a world without nuclear weapons.

Unfortunately, the strategic security environment has significantly deteriorated and the rules based order is under increasing pressure. It is therefore of paramount importance that all disarmament and non-proliferation commitments under existing treaties are honored.
Poland attaches great importance to the preservation of the *INF Treaty* as a crucial element of the European security and stability. We call on the Russian Federation to address all concerns regarding its compliance in a substantial and transparent way. We encourage the United States and the Russian Federation to remain actively engaged in a constructive dialogue on the strategic stability.

Moreover, we are concerned that trust and confidence in negative security assurances have been severely weakened. The violation of the *Budapest Memorandum* has significantly eroded the level of trust and undermined the nuclear non-proliferation regime.

*Mr. Chairman,*

Poland remains convinced that progressive step-by-step approach based on the 2010 *Action Plan* remains the only realistic and valid roadmap for nuclear disarmament. Only real engagement of all states in credible initiatives will contribute to creating conditions conducive to nuclear disarmament. By stimulating transparency, reducing risks, building confidence and strengthening verification, we could make real and stable progress toward nuclear disarmament. At this point let me stress few undertakings directly contributing to this objectives:

1. **The CTBT** is of crucial importance to strengthening the transparency and verification regime. We consider its universalization and entry into force to be a top priority. We encourage States, particular those whose adherence is required for the CTBT to enter into force, to sign and ratify the Treaty without further delay.

2. Starting negotiations on the *Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty (FMCT)* continues to be a key priority for Poland. We welcome the progress towards the FMCT. We hope that recommendations of the High-Level FMCT Expert Preparatory Group will facilitate the process of the negotiations within the Conference on Disarmament.

3. We hope that both bodies will contribute to building trust and will promote approach to nuclear disarmament “in the spirit” of the NPT.
Mr. Chairman,

We are well aware how difficult and complicated is achieving world without weapons and what is at stake. My country for decades has lived under the nuclear shadow and permanent threat to its very existence. We know the risks but we are realistic. We strongly believe there are no quick fixes, no miraculous solutions, but strenuous efforts to create, in a conclusive manner, conditions that will lead us through the nuclear disarmament towards safer and more stable world.

Thank you for your attention.