Thank you, Madame President, Distinguished Delegates,

I am representing Senzatomica, a partner of ICAN. Senzatomica is one of the largest Italian grassroots movement for the abolishment of nuclear weapons active in raising awareness in Italy on the moral and ethical imperative of nuclear disarmament.

Madame President,

We believe that these negotiations are the concretisation of this intention, and that they are going to implement Article VI of the NPT, which requires the pursuit of good faith negotiations leading to complete nuclear disarmament.

To identify a common set of principles that each state can share and apply, it is essential that as many states as possible participate in these negotiations - even if not now, at least at the June-July session. That’s what we hope for our country as well as all others who are not present this week.

In Europe there are around 150 nuclear weapons of which 40 are on the Italian soil with a mechanism commonly called “nuclear sharing”.

The nuclear sharing mechanism was created before the entry into force of the NPT and it has been considered compatible with the NPT itself, but the doubts regarding this point are many. For instance the generalisation of “nuclear sharing”-like mechanisms could allow to bypass the NPT in an alarming way.

For these reasons, among others, we would like the treaty to include the prohibition of the installation, stockpiling of nuclear weapons outside of the country they belong to and also the prohibition to host these weapons in non nuclear-armed states.

For the same reasons we would like the treaty to include the prohibition of the transfer and deployment of nuclear weapons or parts of them through non nuclear-armed states territories and/or means.

This would be furthermore relevant if a nuclear-armed state is using the ban treaty as the vehicle to eliminate its nuclear weapons, or if a state formally hosting weapons on a territory under its control is renouncing and removing those weapons.

I thank you, Madame President.