STATEMENT

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Madam Chair,

Like for other treaties we believe that there must be some institutional arrangements. They should be efficient and cost-effective. A small ISU could be established. We foresee annual short meetings of state parties and reasonably short review conferences every fifth year. State parties should report on the implementation of their commitments to these meetings.

The treaty should be of indefinite duration. It should be possible for a state party to withdraw from the treaty, but only after a meeting of state parties. However, when all nuclear weapon states are parties to the treaty a review or amendment conference could be convened, deciding that it should no longer be possible to withdraw from the treaty.

Regarding the entry-into-force provision, we believe that it could occur when 80 states have ratified the treaty, based on the number of states that supported the resolution in the GA, the number of member states of the UN, and the number necessary to make the treaty legitimate.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.