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## Statement on the Humanitarian Consequences of Nuclear Weapons

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dimensions of nuclear weapons. It will also require effort to further reduce levels of hostility and tension between States particularly between those

As agreed in Article VI of the NPT a multilateral framework or treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control will have to be negotiated to underpin a world without nuclear weapons. But we have to accept that the hard practical work necessary to bring us closer to a world free of nuclear weapons must still be done. We need to work methodically and with realism if we are going to attain the necessary confidence and transparency to bring about nuclear disarmament. There are no short cuts.

We look forward to working constructively together to ensure an outcome at this Review Conference which strengthens the NPT and the commitment of all states parties across the three pillars.

Thank you Madam President.