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Madam President,

It is a privilege for me to speak on behalf of my delegation, and I would like to congratulate you on your election as the President of this review conference. The Republic of the Maldives looks forward to working under your able leadership during this conference.

Madam President,

While we welcome every step forward, we cannot rest until the dangers of nuclear proliferation are completely eliminated, and the existing stockpiles are drastically reduced and eventually destroyed. Not all the countries who signed the NPT have decreased their stockpiles of weapons. The role that nuclear weapons still play in the security policies of nations is as strong as ever. Thus, there are still countries that conduct their own

research into new nuclear warheads and delivery vehicles, and even those that still

continue to conduct nuclear tests.