

REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA



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MADAM PRESIDENT,

LET ME JOIN OTHER SPEAKERS WHO HAVE SPOKEN BEFORE ME, TO CONGRATULATE YOU IN YOUR ELECTION TO PRESIDE OVER THIS NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE. MY DELEGATION IS CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL DIRECT PROCEEDINGS TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION AND WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR

DELEGATION ALSO WISHES TO COMMEND THE SECRETARIAT ON THE
EXCELLENT WORK DONE TOWARDS ORGANISING THE CONFERENCE

ADVOCATING THAT THE FILLING OF THE GAP WILL REQUIRE THE NEGOTIATION OF A TREATY THAT CLEARLY PROHIBITS NUCLEAR WEAPONS BASED ON THEIR CATASTROPHIC HUMANITARIAN CONSEQUENCES. MY GOVERNMENT FULLY ENDORSES THE FINDINGS

AND OUTCOMES OF THE OSLO AND VIENNA CONFERENCE.

WE HAVE HAD THREE PREPARATORY COMMITTEES THAT HAVE PRECEDED THIS MEETING, HOWEVER, WE WISH TO OBSERVE THAT SOME PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TOWARDS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE TREATY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, BUT THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN SLOW ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO DISARMAMENT. MADAM PRESIDENT, MORE EFFORT IS NEEDED BY ALL OF US TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE OF PREVIOUSLY AGREED COMMITMENT.

MADAM PRESIDENT,

ZAMBIA CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (IAEA) AND RECOGNISES THE AGENCY AS THE SOLE COMPETENT AUTHORITY FOR THE VERIFICATION OF FULFILMENT OF SAFEGUARDS OBLIGATIONS ASSUMED BY STATE PARTIES UNDER THE NPT. IN THIS REGARD, ZAMBIA CONTINUES TO

AS I CONCLUDE, ALLOW ME TO REITERATE THE IMPORTANCE OF BRINGING THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY INTO THE TREATY. ZAMBIA THEREFORE CALLS UPON THOSE COUNTRIES THAT HAVE NOT SIGNED AND RATIFIED THE NOT TO DO

SO, IN ORDER THAT THE TREATY ATTAINS UNIVERSALITY.

I THANKYOU.