

**The Tenth NPT Review Conference: Challenges and Opportunities**  
**Virtual event organized by UNODA, CNS, CENESS**  
**Closing remarks by Ambassador Gustavo Zlauvinen**  
**President-designate of the Tenth NPT Review Conference**

First of all, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to CNS, CENESS, and UNODA for arranging this event and inviting me to speak. In these trying times, events like this one are vital in keeping the community engaged on the review process and on the key issues that will be at the center of the Tenth Review Conference.

Secondly, I would like to thank those of you have tuned into “attend” this panel. It is a demonstration of the importance all stakeholders continue to place on a successful Review Conference.

We have heard today some expert views and some excellent questions about the challenges and opportunities presented by the Review Conference. In the lead up to the Conference, there has been a lot of focus on the former. If we are to succeed in producing an outcome from the

As we recently celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the NPT's indefinite extension, it is worth remembering that this historical achievement came about due to an understanding that the strength of the Treaty is the grand bargain at its core, upheld by mutually reinforcing pillars in service of the ultimate goal of a world free of nuclear weapons.

Due to the extraordinary circumstances we find ourselves in, the Tenth Review Conference may not be identical in form to its predecessors, but I can assure you that the Bureau and I are exerting all efforts to ensure that the Conference will match the high standards that all States Parties expect.

To States Parties, I say this much you can expect from me. In turn, I hope that States Parties will approach the conference ready to negotiate in good faith, willing to listen to the views and legitimate concerns of others, and able to recognize the collective value that we all derive from the Treaty.

Thank you.