



I join the preceding speakers in conveying my delegation's deep condolences and sympathies to the Government and the people of Nepal as they deal with the tragic loss of life and livelihoods impacted by last Saturday's devastating earthquake and aftershocks. Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Nepal and we believe that the resilient spirit of the people of Nepal and with the assistance of the international community will help the country on the path to recovery, rehabilitation and restoration.

I congratulate you on your assumption of the Presidency of the NPT Review Conference and likewise for the Bureau members, who also have our support and cooperation as you lead our important work.

Papua New Guinea remains fully committed to the NPT and the noble goal of the total and irreversible elimination of nuclear weapons. We strongly agree with the Secretary-General that this must continue to be a top priority for the United Nations and its member States, as this is consistent with the spirit of the core pillars of the UN Charter, particularly regarding the preservation and advancement of international peace and security.

The existence of a multitude of nuclear weapons in the world today poses a serious threat to international peace and security and, indeed, the very survival of humanity. We must all reinvigorate our collective efforts to rid the world of these Weapons of Mass Destruction, which continue to cast a dark and ominous shadow of obliteration and death for humanity.

My delegation, like many others, is deeply concerned that little progress has been made towards disarmament since the last NPT Review Conference in 2010. All NPT nuclear-weapons States are

We presently host a radionuclide international monitoring station, which was recently upgraded, as