



*Madam President,*

Poland would like to express its deep sorrow after the catastrophic earthquake in Nepal – we send the Government and People of Nepal our sincere condolences and assure them about our assistance and support

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At the outset let me congratulate you, Ambassador Feroukhi, on your appointment as the President of the NPT Review Conference. I wish to assure you of the Polish Delegation's support and cooperation in the fulfilment of your mandate.

Poland fully associates itself with the statement to be delivered later today by the High Representative Mogherini on behalf of the European Union.

*Madam President,*

The consensus achieved at the 2010 Review Conference was a remarkable proof of the effectiveness of multilateral diplomacy in one of the most vulnerable areas of international relations. Back then, while taking the floor, many delegations, including my own, emphasized that failure was not an option.

The Action Plan adopted in 2010 was the best possible outcome. It remains an important

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Five years later, security circumstances changed severely, making this Conference even more important; achieving a substantial consensus is highly desirable.

So yet again we can reiterate: “failure is not an option”.

NPT must remain a cornerstone of the international system of nuclear non-proliferation, disarmament and peaceful uses of nuclear energy. The Treaty is necessary to keep the right course towards a nuclear disarmament. It is also essential to maintain the efforts towards nuclear non-proliferation, as well to assure a peaceful access to nuclear energy.

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It also has to respect security concerns, well-established multilateral security arrangements as well as demonstrable commitment of all states, particularly some of the Nuclear Weapons States.

Therefore, any agreed decisions should strengthen the framework enabling the fulfilment of the commitments under Article VI of the NPT.

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

During the last five years Poland remained actively involved in various actions

supporting nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. Although there are all presented

*Madam President,*

Taking this opportunity, I would like to draw your attention to the proposals presented by the Non-proliferation and Disarmament Initiative, a cross-regional group where Poland is an active member among twelve other countries. We hope that NPDI's suggestions and ideas will contribute to the success of this Review Conference.

Poland stands ready in supporting the positive outcome of this Conference, taking into account our involvement in initiatives such as the Nuclear Security Summit and the

International Partnership for Nuclear Disarmament Verification. We view them as valuable elements of the ongoing discussion.

Poland takes note of the ongoing debate on the humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons. Our position will be reflected later in the statement delivered by Australia on behalf of the group of states.

*Ladies and Gentlemen*