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Mr President,

I align myself with the Statement by the EU and with the NPDI positions regarding the second pillar of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

A rock-solid non-proliferation regime is one of the crucial

elements of a world free of nuclear



This Conference should thus acknowledge progress achieved in connection with non-proliferation crises.

Regarding the Iranian nuclear programme, the Conference should take note of the substantial progress achieved during

the past few months without ceasing that Germany, as a

But it is well worth the effort, for such a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action would dispel the international community's concerns regarding the exclusively peaceful nature of the Iranian nuclear programme and ensure that Iran does not acquire nuclear weapons. Let me underline in this context the importance of the continued effective implementation of the 2013 Joint Plan of Action by the E3/EU+3 and Iran and the essential role played by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in verifying the nuclear-related measures. We reaffirm our strong support for the IAEA's ongoing efforts to verify the exclusively peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear programme. At the same time we commend those states which contributed

financially to the IAEA's crucial monitoring and verification work.

Regarding North Korea, the Conference should again condemn in the strongest possible terms North Korea's ongoing nuclear and ballistic missile programmes and its aggressive nuclear messaging. This includes the restart of the 5MWe plutonium-
[REDACTED] the operation and expansion of the uranium-

enrichment facility, and the activities at the light-water reactor at Yongbyon, as well as ballistic missile launches. North Korea must refrain from further nuclear testing, immediately cease all

[REDACTED] ballistic missile technology

Ladies and gentlemen,

It almost goes without saying that a robust nuclear non-proliferation system depends on the IAEA's effectiveness

and its effective implementation. The IAEA must have adequate resources and political support to fulfil its safeguards mandates. The Conference should promote an IAEA Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement together with an Additional Protocol as the international verification standard, which should be taken

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The series of Nuclear Security Summits has played an important role in that respect. Maintaining nuclear security is a complex task under peaceful and stable conditions - and a serious challenge under crisis conditions. Germany has supported nuclear security projects in other countries, particularly within the framework of the Global Partnership, but also by supporting IAEA activities in the field of nuclear security. Much has been achieved in terms of structures, know-how and standards. It is now up to the international community and to the relevant organisations and initiatives to make sure that these achievements are put into practice. This Conference should send a strong signal to this end. It should underline the importance of an effective and sustainable international

Ladies and gentlemen,

Last but not least, a few comments on the extremely important regional issue to be discussed in this main Committee: the question of a zone free of nuclear weapons, as well as other

WMD and their means of delivery in the Middle East. Germany remains committed to the objective of a Middle East free of WMD and their means of delivery and stands by the pertinent principles taken in the context of the NPT. Germany commends

the good efforts of the Facilitator and co-sponsors of the