

Mr. Chairman ,

I would like to thank the Government of Norway for convening this very important and useful conference. We have heard many good presentations which only can only prove that the work on this issue is far from over.

UAE's strive for a world without nuclear weapons is based on the rational that the complete elimination of nuclear weapons is the only guarantee against the threat of using them.

The UN General Assembly has highlighted on many occasions the continuing existence and development of nuclear weapons pose serious risks to humanity. This was further enforced by multiple UN resolutions, declaring that ' the use of nuclear weapons would be a violation of the Charter and a crime against humanity.'

Taking this in mind, I also note here International Court of Justice Advisory opinion in which it says "a threat or use of nuclear weapons should also be compatible with the requirements of the international law applicable in armed conflict, particularly those of the principles and rules of international humanitarian law, as well as with specific obligations under treaties and other undertakings which expressly deal with nuclear weapons."

Indeed, nuclear weapons are unique because of their destructive capacity and because of their extended effects in space and time. Therefore all rules of international humanitarian law should apply fully to nuclear weapons

No one questions today the massive impact of a nuclear weapon detonation on the public health , economies , environmental and infrastructure. Clearly more work and joint efforts are needed in this area.

As long as nuclear weapons continue to exist , International community should strengthen its efforts in the development of a stronger understanding of the impact of such weapons and further develop the required international framework for preparedness, response and liability for owning and using such weapons.

The strong consensus of the international community on the troubling humanitarian consequences nuclear weapons have should further be highlighted to facilitate a process of disarmament based on the banning to use, and own, nuclear weapons from a legal and moral perspective.