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Chairpersons

Thank you for giving me the floor

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the experts for the information presented yesterday and today on the subject of discussion. We have heard about the effects on human health, the environment, the climate and the global economy adding that the effects of the radiation would have immediate, delayed and long term consequences on people including medical and rescue personnel. We are horrified by the amount of damage that one detonation, let alone several, can do to human beings and the planet we dearly love.

## Chairpersons

We appreciate the information shared on humanitarian preparedness and response. We note the huge material and human resources required for this exercise. Clearly, most African countries and other countries from other regions would not afford to come up with such elaborate plans. The world is simply not prepared to deal with the consequences of a nuclear war and will be overwhelmed by the calamity. It is for our good and the good of the future generations to ban this indiscriminate weapon. Clearly, there is no benefit to humanity of having or developing nuclear weapons. Our call is that such an indiscriminate weapon and the likes of it should never be used again. We reiterate our call to completely and totally ban nuclear weapons.

Over the past decade, Zambia has joined countries which have shown commitment to the world peace process and this has resulted in international instruments to ban indiscriminate weapons such as the Anti-personnel Mine Ban Convention and the Cluster Munitions Convention. Zambia remains committed to the fight against proliferation of these indiscriminate weapons and will continue to work with all peace loving citizens of the world to ensure that nuclear weapons are eliminated.

Chairpersons, allow me to take this opportunity to inform this august gathering about the forthcoming meeting on Cluster Munitions. You may wish to know that in September, 2013, Zambia will play host to the Fourth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions. The Convention on Cluster Munitions was an initiative of the Norwegian government and we thank them for their concern for the well being of humanity.

The Fourth meeting of States Parties to the CCM is expected to have a high level segment to allow policy makers to take part in the deliberations. Our aim is to ensure full universalisation of the Convention. We, therefore, call upon those States which are not yet party to this convention, to make haste and join the rest of the world in rejecting Cluster Munitions. I wish to extend our invitation to stakeholders of world peace to attend this important conference in Lusaka in September, 2013.

Let me end by thanking the government of Norway for once again showing leadership by arranging this conference on the humanitarian impact of Nuclear weapons. Our resolve to ban indiscriminate weapons has become even stronger after this Conference.

I THANK YOU