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Mr. Chair

Allow me to echo other colleagues in thanking you for the way you have steered our deliberations. While our exchanges of views have demonstrated that States Parties hold different positions on how to achieve and maintain our common objective of a world without nuclear weapons, we are united on the centrality of the NPT. This is also well highlighted in your reflections on the state of the NPT. In addition, under your able leadership we have been able to deliberate on important issues such as strengthening the review process of the NPT, as well as exploring more on how to better mainstream the gender dimension.

My delegation also welcomes your factual summary, which reflects various views articulated over the past two weeks. While noting that delegations have expressed views on various parts of the report, my delegation would like to recall that this is not a negotiated document. The summary reflects how you assessed our deliberations and it is presented in your name. Like the summary from PrepCom I, we believe the paper before us will be highly valuable in our preparations for 2020. Lastly, my delegation would also like to welcome the Ambassador of Malaysia as the Chair of PrepCom III.

Thank you