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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

In preparing for the 2015 Review Conference Finland did set as its main goal the strengthening of the NPT Regime, in addition to a number of specific objectives. In our view, the best way to support NPT and other related activities is to achieve a consensus outcome from this Conference.

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to thank you for the latest version of your Working Paper. From our point of view, it doesn't fulfil all our objectives but in a name of overall good we feel that it is the best text we can achieve this time. I would like to thank you personally Mr. Chairman. Your leadership, experience and guidance are leading us to a Working Paper which can satisfy everyone's appetite.

Mr. Chairman,

Let me highlight a couple points that in our view merit mentioning.

As we have mentioned in our general Statement and comments, from the national point of view nuclear power is an elementary part of our energy mix. A country with long winters and energy intensive industry, nuclear power is needed as a base load. Nuclear power is also an elementary part of our energy security and climate protection goals. We are pleased to see that these aspects are taken into account in your Working Paper.

It is essential that countries using nuclear power, or embarking on nuclear power, have a sound legislative and regulatory framework on nuclear and radiation safety. Every country should also commit to strengthen nuclear security world-wide. We are pleased to see that your Working Paper highlights both nuclear safety and nuclear security in a serious taken manner.

Last but not least, nuclear waste management strategy should always be considered from the very beginning of the development of a nuclear power programme. We are pleased to see that your Working Paper recognizes the importance of safe management of spent fuel and radioactive waste. This is also Finland's policy.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman