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**First Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of
the States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear
Weapons**

General Debate

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Mr Chairman,

Let me join previous speakers in warmly congratulating you on your election as Chairman of the first Preparatory Committee and assure you of our full support. Hungary associates itself with the statement of the EU and of Australia delivered on behalf of the Vienna Group of 10.

Mr. Chairman,

The NPT remains the cornerstone of nuclear disarmament, nuclear non-proliferation and peaceful uses of nuclear energy. The conclusions and recommendations for follow on actions across the three pillars agreed to by all States Parties at the 2010 Review Conference provide us with an excellent starting point. Hungary attaches equal importance to each pillar and strives towards a balanced implementation of the Action Plan set out in the Final Document.

As it has been reaffirmed at the last Review Conference all states need to make special efforts to establish the necessary framework to achieve and maintain a world without nuclear weapons. In this regard nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation are equally essential, interdependent and mutually reinforcing. In the field of nuclear disarmament nuclear weapon states reaffirmed their commitment to the implementation of Article VI of the NPT. We welcome the tangible results achieved so far such as the entry into force of the new START Treaty last year and its ongoing implementation since then. At the same time, we hope that further progress can be made during this review cycle.

Hungary is of the view that the negotiations on a Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty should commence without any further delay. We are also convinced that the entry into force of the CTBT would greatly contribute to alleviating many of today's concerns.

Hungary attaches great importance to the implementation of the 1995 NPT resolution on the Middle East therefore we strongly support holding a conference this year on the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East. We welcome the appointment of Under Secretary Laajava of Finland as Facilitator. We commend his efforts made so far and look forward to a successful conference.

The proliferation of nuclear weapons is one of the gravest threats to international peace and security which must be addressed in an effective way to preserve the credibility of the NPT regime. Hungary therefore welcomes all relevant steps that encourage dialogue and lead to solving issues of common concern. The role of the IAEA is crucial in this field which is also demonstrated by the growing number of adherence to the Additional Protocol.

Mr. Chairman,

As a country with an active peaceful nuclear program with plans of further expansion of its capacities, Hungary has a keen interest in ensuring that all actors maintain and work towards the highest possible standards in all aspects of nuclear energy.

Hungary also takes part in many initiatives and forums, most recently at the Nuclear Summit Meeting in Seoul. In specific areas we share our knowledge with the international community by offering practical assistance training courses and seminars. We also provide experts to international missions and contribute to funding projects or initiatives designed for peaceful uses.

Concerning Action 19 and 22 Hungary explores the possibility to work out bilateral and regional projects with the Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation on non-proliferation and disarmament education. Furthermore on a national basis we intend to publish a new, updated and extended version of a Non-Proliferation handbook for practitioners and the general public.

Mr. Chairman,

In conclusion let me reiterate our unconditional support for the NPT and our commitment to the full and balanced implementation of the Action Plan. We call on all States Parties to take a proactive approach to implementation because that will determine the fate of the review cycle ahead of us.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.