



**STATEMENT
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Excellencies

Distinguished Delegates

I would like to set an example as your Chairman by keeping my own statement brief.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere and profound gratitude for the honour you bestowed on me and my country, Zimbabwe, to chair this meeting. With this confidence you have showed, I will strive to guide this meeting to a successful conclusion. But for us to succeed, I seek your cooperation and continued understanding.

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates

We have a lot of work to accomplish during this Session and I intend to do my best to chair proceedings in a manner that will bring us to a successful fulfillment of these mandates. First and foremost, as your Chairman, I see my role as a facilitator, but I am always in your hands and will depend and count on your cooperation, advice and assistance to fulfill the mandates which we have been given.

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In the course of my consultations, I enjoyed great goodwill and cooperation from all States Parties and I would be grateful if the same spirit of support and cooperation will continue to reign in the next two weeks so as to enable us to come up with successful deliberations for our Preparatory Committee meeting.

While delegations have contributed to shaping my vision for the Prep COM, I wish to indicate that my lenses are heavily coated with ambition to achieve the utmost possible.

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We are meeting at an opportune time in the history of the NPT. There is abundant political and goodwill from all States Parties for the Review Conference to succeed. I want to appeal to this meeting that we should not lose this great opportunity before us. Let us focus on the core business of the NPT in order to prepare for a successful Review

Conference which will strengthen and make our treaty more effective.

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In conclusion, let me reiterate that I remain in your hands and look forward to your utmost support in order for us to successfully fulfill the challenging task before us.

In this regard, I would like to remind the Prep COM that we should make sure that we provide an agenda for the 2010 NPT Review Conference so as to avoid the repeat of what happened at the 2005 NPT Review Conference.

I thank you.

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