

**Statement by Turkey  
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Madam Chairwoman,

We express our thanks to the **outgoing Chair** and his ~~dedicated~~ team for their efforts during the last session.

We **congratulate you** as well, Madam Chair, and assure you of our full cooperation and support at the Bureau.

We also welcome Mr. **High Representative** who participated at the morning session, and wish to thank him for his valuable contributions.

We recognize the important role the **UNDC** was designed to play as the specialized deliberative subsidiary body of the UN General Assembly that allows for in-depth deliberations on specific disarmament issues.

Specially against the background of the present split within the disarmament community, UNDC as a forum for deliberations has a very important role to play by providing a **platform for enhancing dialogue and cooperation**, as well as a **sincere exchange of views**.

As this is the third year of the 2015-2017 triennial cycle, we will be able to **build upon what has been done** in the last two years. My delegation is ready to contribute to **consensual outcomes** both in Working Group I [on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation] and Working Group II [on practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional weapons].

We congratulate and stand ready to support the **chairs of the two working groups** in any way we can.

We also support and look forward to the discussions on the possible **third agenda item**.

Thank you.

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