

**CLOSING STATEMENT**  
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Excellencies,  
Dear colleagues,

Allow me to take a few moments to deliver some remarks before closing this session of the Preparatory Committee.

2. In the past few months since I undertook the task of chairing this Third Preparatory Committee, I have approached my role in an open, impartial, and transparent manner. As Chair, I have done my best to align competing and dissenting views to establish convergence. It has been a challenging task, but I am honoured by your support, candor, and friendship.

3. I have found that there remains a genuine desire by all States Parties, regardless of group affiliation, or regardless of substantive positions, to strengthen the NPT. I have heard that in my consultations and discussions, and I believe that it is useful for that point to be made, and for it to be heard, more, between each other, and to translate that shared conviction into a common vision of where we all see the Treaty headed. Indeed, the commemorative anniversaries next year have led to many reflections amongst States Parties. I believe that differences in views can be bridged, but the extra effort and conscience desire are needed to push things forward positively.

4. We had a number of procedural objectives in this Third Prepcom. I am happy that States Parties worked together, and made tremendous efforts, to allow for such procedural matters to be concluded smoothly and efficiently. These allow the Review Conference to proceed in good stead, and I congratulate Ambassador Grossi, and I look forward to working with him next year.

5. Before concluding the session, I would like to extend, on behalf of the States Parties participating in the Preparatory Committee, as well as on my own behalf, sincere thanks to the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, and the representatives of the IAEA for their invaluable support to my endeavours.

6. I also extend my sincere thanks to Ambassador Marjolijn van Deelen and Ambassador Adam Bugajski, the Chair of the second session, for assisting me during the session. I also thank Ambassador Rob Gabrielse for his role in the

process. Together with Ambassador Grossi, I am confident that the close coordination and support within the bureau will continue.

7. I would also like to convey my heartfelt thanks to the Secretariat led by the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Ioan Tudor, for their tireless and considerate efforts to support and facilitate our work throughout the session. All of them are, in my view - the fourth pillar of the NPT.

8. I also thank the members of my team – who have supported me throughout this process.

9. Special thanks go to all the interpreters, translators, record-keepers, conference officers and sound engineers, who have worked diligently behind the scenes in support of the Committee's work.

10. And finally thank you to all of you – the stakeholders of the NPT – the States Parties, inter governmental organisations, international organisations and civil societies – that remain committed to this important and essential instrument.

11. I declare this Session of the Preparatory Committee closed.