TENTH REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

28 October 2020

Excellency,

I refer to my letter dated 25 October 2020, in which I sought agreement by States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) to postpone the Tenth NPT Review Conference to a later date no later than August 2021.

By today's deadline, I have received written confirmation from the coordinators of the Eastern European Group, the Non-Aligned Movement and the Western European and Others Group that their members all agree to the postponement of the Review Conference. I have also received written confirmation from China that it agrees to the postponement of the Review Conference.

The Tenth NPT Review Conference is, therefore, postponed to a later date no later than August 2021.

Per my letter dated 25 October 2020, I have requested the Secretariat to book the necessary facilities and conference services for the period 2-27 August for the holding of the Tenth NPT Review Conference at United Nations Headquarters, consistent with the Review Conference's original requirements.

I would like to reiterate that the booking has been made on the assumption that conference facilities and operations have fully returned to the pre-pandemic levels and with the understanding that it can only confirmed at a later date, when all UN official mandated meetings have been programmed.

The members of the Bureau and I will work closely with States Parties to ensure this booking is maintained by the Secretariat, in terms of both dates and required services and facilities. We will continue to monitor developments and update States Parties as appropriate.

All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers of NPT States Parties to the United Nations New York I would like to express my deep appreciation for all States Parties' continued flexibility, as well as my gratitude for their commitment to ensuring that the Review Conference will be held, allowing the NPT to fulfil its role as a pillar of international peace and security, and as the lynchpin of the nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Gustavo Zlauvinen President-designate