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Mr. President,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the members of the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the NPT.

2. The States Parties to the NPT joined this Conference four weeks ago with a great sense of hope although we were fully aware of the uncertainty that would lie ahead. We were hopeful that the Conference could reach consensus on the outstanding procedural aspects that emanated from the preparatory process. We were as hopeful that the Conference could reach consensus on the substantive questions surrounding the three pillars of the NPT. Today as we conclude this Review Conference, it has become obvious that questions will be further raised about the future of the NPT. These notwithstanding, the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties remain committed to the NPT. We maintain that it continues to have an important cornerstone status in the global disarmament framework.

3. Throughout this Conference the NAM States Parties have acted in good faith and remained constructive and flexible. We have been consistent in defending and advancing our long-established and principled positions on all issues. We have maintained that the questions concerning nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation and peaceful uses of nuclear technology – the three pillars of the NPT – should be approached and addressed in a balanced manner. We reiterate that position today. We also maintain the importance of the full and non-selective implementation of the Treaty. The lack of balance in implementing the provisions of the NPT threatens to unravel the NPT regime. We further maintain the need to universalize the NPT. We continue to believe in the indispensable need to preserve the decisions and resolution of the 1995 Review and Extension Conference and the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference. These are our fundamental and principled positions on which we have remained steadfast since the entry into force of the NPT thirty-five years ago. The basis of our positions at this Review Conference are the decisions made by our Heads of State or Government during their XIII Summit in Kuala Lumpur in February 2003.

Mr. President,

4. The NAM States Parties had sought to defend and advance our concerns and positions at this Review Conference. We formally presented our positions and views in a comprehensive manner on various questions. These are contained in the five Working Papers that we have presented to the Review Conference for the consideration of all States Parties. They are also reiterated in the statements that were delivered by the Delegation of Malaysia, on behalf of the NAM States Parties throughout this Review Conference. We worked very hard in advancing and defending our positions and concerns, just as others worked hard to advance and defend their positions and concerns. We made concessions, offered compromises and continued to work for consensus. Consistent with our concerns and positions we have reaffirmed our commitment to implement – in good faith – our obligations under the Treaty as well as the commitments agreed upon by consensus in the 1995 and 2000 conferences. The outcomes of these conferences must be preserved and defended. We had also expected other States Parties to implement their obligations in good faith. These considerations had governed the NAM States Parties approach in the Conference proceedings, including concerning the agenda, programme of work and establishment of subsidiary bodies of this Review Conference.

5. It is indeed regrettable that our efforts and determination to secure a consensual outcome document have not produced the desired result. It is now clear that divergent views among States Parties on fundamental questions could not be bridged. Nonetheless, we hope that the views and concerns that we have expressed throughout the Conference would provide others, in particular the nuclear-weapon States, with a better appreciation of where we, the non-nuclear-weapon States, stand. We continue to have faith in the NPT regime and its review process through the Review Conferences. In looking ahead, we believe that States Parties should begin thinking about what needs to be done and accomplished from now until the next Review Conference in 2010.

Mr. President,

6. I should like to use this occasion to express our deepest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude, first and foremost, to you Mr. President. With your diplomatic skills, wealth of experience and long association with the fields of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation you have certainly displayed great leadership, total commitment and unsurpassed dedication in discharging the mandate and duties that have been entrusted upon you by States Parties. You have exerted all efforts to the best of your ability and exhausted all available avenues towards producing the result that we had all been hoping for. Despite all your effort, it has become clear that the differences among States Parties over fundamental questions have been too great to surmount.

7. We recognize that you personally as well as the Government of Brazil have spent a great deal of time, energy and resources to bring about a successful outcome to this Conference. We were fully aware of the meetings and consultations that you had carried out in Geneva, New York and Vienna as well as in several capitals of States Parties prior to the Review Conference. We recognize that you have engaged yourself in numerous rounds of consultations immediately prior to and throughout this Review Conference. We fully commend and congratulate you for all your efforts.

8. I should also like to take this opportunity to also express our deepest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to the Chairpersons of Main Committees and Subsidiary Bodies of the Main Committees as well as members of the Bureau of the Review Conference for all their efforts and contributions in facilitating our work. The Chairpersons of the Main Committees, like you, had worked very hard during the Preparatory Meetings, in consultations prior to the Review Conference and during the Conference itself.

9. We thank members of the Secretariat for their dedication and support, and without whom the conduct of our work will not be possible. We would also like to thank civil society and non-governmental organizations for sharing with States Parties their contributions as well as insightful studies, comments and proposals. We encourage them to remain steadfast in their indispensable work.

10. Finally, Mr. President, we invite all States Parties, non-nuclear-weapon States and nuclear-weapon States alike, to close ranks and work towards bridging their differences in our common endeavour to ensure the successful implementation of the NPT. Let us all continue to work towards creating a better global security environment. Let us all henceforth build upon the commonalities in our positions and bridge the existing differences. Let us all ensure that the NPT remains a true cornerstone for global peace and security. We all share the common objective to achieve durable peace and security throughout the world, for the sake of our own

and future generations, and for the sake of mankind and civilization. The NAM States Parties remain hopeful that the day when the world is finally free of nuclear weapons will soon dawn upon us.

Thank you, Mr. President.