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United Nations Conference to negotiate a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading toward their total elimination

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Excellency,

I would like to express my appreciation once again, for the constructive discussions we had last March at the first session of the United Nations Conference to Negotiate a Legally Binding Instrument to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons, Leading Toward their Total Elimination, convened pursuant to General Assembly resolution A/RES/71/258, as well as for the supportive words offered by delegations during the briefing in Geneva on April 27, 2017.


In my capacity as the President of the Conference, I am attaching herein the first draft text of the legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading toward their total elimination.

Let me reiterate that I intend to be available for informal consultations in New York City as of June 7th.

I look forward to the resuming of the negotiations next June 15th in New York, and hope that in the midst of international challenging dynamics, we work together, with a sense of urgency toward a successful Conference that will conclude by agreeing on a legally binding instrument prohibiting nuclear weapons.

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




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