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Mr. Chair

At the 10th Review Conference held in 2022, States Parties decided to establish a Working Group on further strengthening the review process. While the working group was regrettably unable to agree on concrete recommendations to the Preparatory Committee, States Parties were able to deepen discussions on substantial matters and observe many areas of convergence on this issue. At the 3rd Preparatory Committee last year, States Parties held intensive discussions on a possible decision on strengthening the review process, and we came very close to convergence on a text that could command consensus.

My delegation wishes to emphasize the importance of deciding on concrete measures regarding this matter at this Review Conference, building upon the discussions that have taken place throughout this review cycle.

Mr Chair,

With regard to improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the review process, Japan supports enforcing time limits on statements and avoiding duplication of the works between the Main Committees and subsidiary bodies, as already implemented at this Conference. Equally, adopting a rolling agenda facilitates the efficient use of conference services. We also encourage an early nomination and approval of the President of the Review Conference as well as Chairs of the Main Committees and Subsidiary Bodies to enhance coordination. In this context, we welcome President Viet's efforts to introduce some of these measures this year and hope that a consensus would be reached to formalize these measures.

Mr Chair,

Japan attaches great importance to enhancing transparency and accountability. Enhancement of the reporting mechanism, submission of national implementation reports and the discussion of those reports help to build confidence and trust and establish common ground that can facilitate nuclear

disarmament. In light of the 13 Steps adopted at the 2000 Review Conference and the 2010 Action Plan, Japan would like to emphasize the special responsibility of nuclear weapon States to report on their nuclear disarmament activities and the fulfilment of their obligations and commitments under the Treaty.

In this regard, Japan supports allocating dedicated time within the review cycle to discuss NPT implementation reports of states parties, in particular those submitted by nuclear weapon States. Such occasions should be held in an interactive format that enables questions to be raised, and clarification sought and made on the content of the reports.

Japan welcomes the efforts by France, United Kingdom and the United States regarding transparency, including holding informal interactive discussions during this Review process. We also welcome their support to establish a new mechanism for enhanced transparency and accountability in the review process.

While non-nuclear weapon States demonstrate transparency in the implementation of their non-proliferation obligations through reports to the IAEA, there is no specific transparency mechanism for nuclear-weapon States to demonstrate the degree of implementation of their obligations. Therefore, when considering interactive dialogue on national reports, the focus should be on those submitted by nuclear-weapon States. Any discussions regarding national reports of non-nuclear weapon States should be on a voluntary basis.

With regards to the content of national reports, nuclear-weapon States should improve the transparency of information related to their nuclear weapons including reporting of comparable and numerical information. The NPDI, of which Japan is a member, has submitted proposals regarding reporting elements. We hope that nuclear-weapon States will take those proposals into account in their future reporting.

Mr. Chair,

Japan hopes that States Parties can find convergence for a possible agreement on this issue, and my Delegation stands ready to engage further to reach this aim.

Thank you, Mr Chair

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