



**Delegation of Italy to
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Chair,

Italy aligns itself with the statement delivered by the EU. I would like to add the following remarks in my national capacity.

Transparency and accountability help build confidence and trust among States and therefore they foster dialogue and negotiation on concrete and effective measures to advance non-proliferation and disarmament. Transparency is one of the three main principles of the Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) along with verification and irreversibility.

In July 2023, during the sessions of the Working Group on the further strengthening of the NPT Review Process, several proposals to increase transparency and accountability were presented. Although we did not reach consensus in the end, elements of the discussion gathered broad support and should be further discussed in the run-up to the next Review Conference. We particularly looked with interest at the proposal for Nuclear-weapon States to present at each Preparatory Committee meeting national reports focused on the implementation of art. VI obligations, the 2010 Action Plan and the Thirteen Practical Steps, with the opportunity for those States to engage in an interactive

discussion. We would also welcome the development of a “standard reporting form” containing detailed information on type and deployment of nuclear weapons; number and categories of launchers; measures undertaken to prevent any use of nuclear weapons and the strengthening of negative security assurances.

Italy thinks we should build on the work that we started a year ago in Vienna with a view to enhancing the quality and the consistency in reporting. This is something that the Preparatory Committee should continue engaging on with the aim of submitting substantive recommendations to the 2026 NPT Review Conference.

Thank you, Chair.