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Mr. Chairman,

I would like, at the outset, to offer you on behalf of the delegation of the Sultanate of Oman, my sincere congratulations on your election as chairman of the First Committee during the work of the 69th Session of the General Assembly. We are confident that your long experience and diplomatic skills will lead the work of this committee to the desired positive results. Allow me to congratulate as well, the members of the bureau for their election. I also wish to express my appreciation to your predecessor, the chairman of the committee of the previous session and his fellow members in the bureau on their unique efforts.

Mr. Chairman,

The delegation of my country expresses its support to the statement delivered by the Non-Aligned Movement and the Arab Group. The Government of my country expressed in its statement in the General Assembly its firmly established conviction on the responsibility of the international community to protect the world from the threat of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction. Despite series of international meetings and conferences held during the previous three decades, but no progress has been made in nuclear disarmament talks or reduction of its proliferation.

Mr. Chairman,

My country expresses its concern about the delay of the convening of the international conference on the Middle East which was scheduled to take place in 2012 according to the decision of the NPT Review Conference of 2010, but has not been achieved yet. This is evidence that some parties don’t understand the importance and the goal of this conference. As we approach the day of the convening of the Review Conference next year, we believe that now is the time to resolve the issue of the convening of the International Conference on the Middle East.

The delegation of my country expresses its hope that the work plans adopted by the Review Conference will lead to the acceleration of steps to go forward on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, promoting peaceful use of nuclear energy which in turn will contribute fundamentally in the sustainable development, as the possession of nuclear energy for peaceful use is a legal right for all states for the interest of their development programs. In
this context, we hope the talks on the Iranian nuclear program will achieve the desired positive results through understanding, in order to achieve the public's common interest.

**Mr. Chairman,**

My country has participated with the countries of the world in celebrating for the first time the occasion of declaring the 26th of September of each year as the International Day for the total elimination of nuclear weapons according to the General Assembly resolution 68/32, with the initiative of the Non-Aligned Group, which is an occasion to bring us together to remember and address this issue of concern to the world and to all mankind in order to live in a planet free from risks of destruction and war.

**Mr. Chairman,**

My country confirms its full commitment to the U.N. Programme of 2001 on the illicit trade in small and light weapons. In this context, it has enacted many laws and regulations to combat this phenomenon.

I would also like to mention that on 20th August 2014, my country has submitted its Instrument of Accession to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on their Destruction, by so doing, it has become the 162nd State party to concur in this important convention relating to human dimensions with the intent to spare individual lives from falling victims to mines due to ravages of war and conflict.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, my delegation calls upon all state members to fulfill the commitment they have undertaken through treaties and conventions related to disarmament, especially the nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction.

My delegation hopes that the deliberations of this committee, under your leadership could contribute in the achievement of the aspiration of all people of the world for security, peace and stability.

Thank you, **Mr. Chairman.**