Mr. President,

Allow me first to align my statement to the statement of the European Union (EU). I would like to add few national points on thematic debate related to nuclear weapons.

Slovenia is a staunch supporter of effective multilateralism. We share the vision of the world without nuclear weapons. In our view, world without nuclear weapons shouldn’t be only a vision, but rather concrete goal and final objective of our efforts. In this context, we commend US President Obama for his vision presented in several statements.

Mr. President,

During yesterday’s debate we heard many good points, mainly on nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation, including on the NPT, the CTBT, the UNSC resolution 1540 and the role of the IAEA, notably on the State Level Concept - that we support – prevention of use of nuclear weapons by terrorists and issues related to non-compliance like in the case of the DPRK. We share many of these points, but in the interest of time, we would like to limit ourselves to three issues.

**First**, Slovenia believes that the NPT should remain a framework of our efforts on our way to the world without nuclear weapons. We reaffirm our full support to efforts to make the Treaty universal and to all three pillars of the Treaty. The NPT is a cornerstone of international non-proliferation and disarmament regime. We look
forward to the next Review Conference, and believe that its positive outcome is feasible. We welcome the fact that the agenda of the Review Conference has been agreed, we hope that a chairperson of the Review Conference will be identified soon, and that we will gather the necessary political will for the substantive outcome of the Conference. Also, Slovenia fully supports efforts of Ambassador Laajava and his team to prepare the Conference on the WMD Free Zone in the Middle East.

**Second**, we continue to believe that the negotiations on the Fissile Materials Cut-off Treaty (FMCT) in the Conference on Disarmament (CD) in Geneva should be first priority of the international community in the field of nuclear disarmament. We call upon all members of the Conference to start negotiations on the FMCT as soon as possible. We hope that the Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) that met for the first time last March in Geneva will facilitate commencement of negotiations on this important verifiable Treaty that shall complement the NPT and the CTBT.

**Third**, we have to touch upon recent initiative on humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons. We thank Norway and Mexico for hosting first two conferences on that matter and welcome fact based discussion on the humanitarian impact of use of nuclear weapons that broadened our understanding of this phenomenon. Slovenia follows this debate with interest since the first Conference in Oslo and looks forward to a productive and inclusive discussion at the next conference that will take place in Vienna in early December.

**Thank you Mr. President**