Mr. Chair,

The Philippine delegation would like to express its profound appreciation to the Chair, Ambassador Adam Bugajski, and his team for their hard work and dedication to ensure a successful session of the 2nd Preparatory Committee for the 2020 Review Conference. We appreciate the hard work of crafting the Chair’s Factual Summary, which condenses our two-week discussions on the progress and implementation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

We recognize the challenge for the Chair to incorporate, in a balanced and comprehensive manner, all the diverse perspectives and positions expressed by the Member States. The NAM, through Venezuela, has elaborated on some of the issues important to our group, that should have been given more emphasis, as they reflect the sentiments expressed by many delegations in this meeting. The Philippines being a signatory to the TPNW, we also note the understated reference to the Treaty, its significance and the support of NPT member states for it.

Nevertheless, the Chair’s Factual Summary, which we understand to be under the Chair’s authority, would be a useful tool to reflect on the complex elements of our work and motivate us to improve our work further. The Philippines looks forward to the 3rd Session of the Preparatory Committee in 2019 under the leadership of Ambassador Muhammad Shahrul Ikram Yaakob of Malaysia.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.