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Mr. President,

Let me congratulate you for the assumption of the presidency of the Conference on Disarmament. I am confident that under your able guidance, the CD can have fruitful meetings. I assure you the full cooperation of my delegation. Allow me also to join others in bidding farewell to the distinguished ambassadors of the UK and Canada. I wish them all the best.

Mr. President,

I would like to provide a historical background that assists us better see the overall picture of HLM and the work of the Advisory Board. Last year the UNSG started a process for convening the high-level meeting on revitalizing the work of the Conference on Disarmament and taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations. The initiative of the UNSG, resulted in chair summary on 24 September 2010 which reflected the understanding of the Secretary General, as convener and Chair of the high-level meeting, of the views expressed there. In Para 19 of that Summary the UNSG indicated that he will ask his Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters to undertake a thorough review of the issues raised in the meeting, including, inter alia, the possible establishment of a high-level panel of eminent persons with a special focus on the functioning of the Conference on Disarmament. Based on its recommendations, the Secretary-General would consider further action in this regard;

The discussion of the last year in the CD has been crystal clear that neither the summary of that meeting nor the result of the work of Advisory Board would be binding for the member states. We do not have any influence on their reporting; therefore it only reflects their understanding of the situation and is a pure secretariat approach.

Having said that, I would like to ask the following questions:
The response to these questions would help us better understand what would be the grounds, if any for having a specific CD's meeting with the Chair Person of the Advisory Board.

- 1- What is our definition about a member state-driven approach in revitalizing the work of the CD?
- 2- What are the advertent or inadvertent consequences of mixing the borders of secretariat-driven approaches with member-driven approaches?
- 3- Is convening a specific meeting of the CD with advisory board contributes to blurring this border or not?
- 4- Do we have a precedent in the work of the CD or other international organizations that a policy making organs of one independent international body convene a specific meeting with the advisors of secretariat of other international organization?

In conclusion I would like to put on record that my delegation appreciate the initiative of the UNSG for the revitalizing the work of the CD. We see this initiative as a useful secretariat-driven approach that is not and should not be mixed with members-driven approach which is the legitimate desire of the NAM countries, including mine for self evaluation of this body.
Mr. President

We are ready to have the full cooperation with the advisory board with due respect to the principles for the work in international organizations. We appreciate your efforts in paving the way for direct bilateral meetings between the Advisory Board and the interested delegations and also its meeting with the representatives of the regional groups. We are aware that H.E Mr. Tokayov is the personal representative of the UNSG and we are confident that he regularly briefs him about the positions of the different delegations in the CD. However we have questions about the consequences, benefits and modality of allocating one specific meeting with the Advisory Board. We will not crate obstacle on the way of emerging consensus in this regard provided that we have a clear response to our questions and assurances that UNSG

initiative as a secretariat-driven approach will not be mixed with members-driven approach for self evaluation of the CD.

I thank you