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Madame President,

At the outset allow me to express our deep appreciation on the manner that you are presiding over this conference. I would also like to congratulate the distinguished ambassador of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the assumption of the presidency and assuring him of my delegation's full support and cooperation.

I wish that the conference would have been in a position to spend its time on the issue of substance which is the urgent need of the conference at this stage. However since some issues raised in this meeting that shows some kinds of misunderstanding about the rules of procedures I have no choice but to react and elaborate on some procedural issues.

Madame President,

Firstly this is not the first time that we have had informal meeting on the conference on disarmament so we have to follow the past practice regarding the reporting and the role of the coordinators and the president and also the previous approaches that was adopted by the other coordinators.

Secondly it seems that some of our distinguished colleagues try to give a novel interpretation about the rule 30 of the rules of procedures. We recognize the right of all delegations to take the floor and express their views about the issues related to the agenda of the CD at any time and about any topic. But the main question is that if the rule 30 is enough for structuring the debates in the CD why do we have to agree on a framework for organizing the discussion of the CD? Why haven't we decided to come to each informal meeting without any plan for structured debates? If we agreed to have a framework like CD1907 then we accepted that it will supersede the rule 30 and we have to do our best to follow that framework and present our ideas in that framework.

Thirdly the text of rule 30 is clear that “*it is the right of any member State of the Conference to raise any subject relevant to the work of the Conference at a plenary meeting and to have full opportunity of presenting its views on any subject which it may consider to merit attention*”. We believe that it is the prerogative of each and every member of the CD based on the Rule 30 to intervene on any topic and at any time. But it does not necessarily mean that the chair or coordinator would be in a position to resort to this rule to summarize a discussion in a formal or an informal meeting that reflect the view of other nations rather than its own.

I thank you.