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Co Presidents,

At the outset, on behalf of the Indonesian delegation, I would like to extend our warm congratulations to you, on your unanimous election to preside over our deliberations. We should like to express out confidence that under your able guidance and leadership, our deliberations will reach a fruitful conclusion toward a successful outcome. Let me also pay my respects and sincere thanks to Australia, the previous Chairman and Coordinator, for its contribution and leadership role played through the previous two years. Let me also avail myself of this opportunity to extend our thanks to Ambassador Tibor Toth and the Secretariat of the CTBT Prepcom for their hard work towards the entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT).

In addressing this Conference, I would like to associate myself with the statement made by Ambassador of Malaysia on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Madam/ Mr. President,

The CTBT adopted by the General Assembly on 10 September 1996 has added to the stockpile of political and legal instruments which could help the world ward off the threat of nuclear self destruction, and it is hoped that it becomes an effective instrument towards the goal of the total elimination of nuclear weapons.

Indonesia is strongly in favour of the total elimination of all forms of nuclear weapons, and supports the objectives of the Treaty, which is intended to enforce a comprehensive ban on all nuclear test explosions, and to stop the qualitative development of nuclear weapons that would pave the way towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons. In this regard, we believe that to fully realize the objectives of the Treaty needs the continued commitment of all States signatories, especially the nuclear-weapon States, to nuclear disarmament.

Long prior the adaptation of the CTBT, Indonesia has demonstrated its serious commitment to nuclear disarmament, non proliferation, the inalienable rights of all States to the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, and is relentless in its supports to

concerted international efforts in this regard towards a nuclear-weapon-free world. This evident in its being party to the disarmament treaties including NPT, Biological Weapons Convention (BWC), Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), and concludes comprehensive safeguards agreement and Additional Protocol with the IAEA. At regional level, Indonesia is a party to Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone (SEANWFZ) and within its framework, Indonesia has implemented its obligations, among others, not to develop, manufacture or otherwise acquire, possess or have control over nuclear weapons; station nuclear weapons; or test or use nuclear weapons anywhere inside or outside the Treaty zone.

Madam/ Mr. President,

Indonesia stresses the importance that achieving universal adherence to the CTBT, including by the nuclear-weapon states and States with nuclear capabilities, would *inter alia*, contribute to fully realize the objectives contained therein and towards the process of nuclear disarmament and therefore towards the enhancement of international peace and security. We share the view that positive decisions by the nuclear-weapon States would have the desired impact on progress towards entry into force of the CTBT. Early ratification by nuclear-weapon States would pave the way and encourage the remaining countries listed in Annex 2 of the CTBT.

While recalling the success of the Fourth Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the CTBT held in New York, September 2005, my delegation welcomes the increasing signing and ratification of the CTBT, which exemplifies the significant progress being made towards the universalization of the Treaty. There is a growing awareness of the negative consequences of testing on global strategic calculation, which is reflected in the steady growth in the number of signatory and ratifying States to the Treaty, which today stands at 177 and 140, respectively. In its own part, as a country listed in Annex 2 of the Treaty, Indonesia is aware of its responsibility and the importance of sustained progress towards ratification.

Madam/ Mr. President,

Indonesia has long-standing support of the CTBT, and was one of the first to sign the Treaty. As accountable signatory state to the CTBT, Indonesia has continuously worked with the Provisional Technical Secretariat (PTS) of the CTBTO with a view to promoting the importance of the entry into force of the Treaty and the following-up of its activities.

Furthermore, in keeping with its financial obligation to the Prepcom, Indonesia has faithfully contributed to the regular budget within its financial means and capacity. In this connection, my delegation is pleased to inform that Indonesia is already paid in full its regular contribution for 2007. Indonesia also contributes portion of its cash surplus for the year 2004 regular budget, to finance the 2007 Article XIV Conference.

Indonesia has worked closely and efficiently with the PTS in carrying out necessary technical work and subsequent certification of the stations. Indonesia welcomes the progress made in the establishment of the IMS facilities, including seismological monitoring system, and supports the continued works of IMS and IDC in transmitting data and releasing the automatic event list containing earthquake. The seismic network and the installation were completed in Indonesia, and six auxiliary seismological stations have been placed in different locations in Indonesia with the assistance of the technical expertise of the CTBTO.

Indonesia believes that the contribution of the CTBTO through the utilization of its scientific and civil capability will be very pivotal and timely in responding to the concern of the international community on the major threat and devastating impact of tsunami. In this connection, Indonesia, as one of the countries hardest hit by tsunami, strongly supports the role of the CTBTO in the development of the global tsunami warning system, and looks forward to continuing cooperation with the Prepcom of the CTBTO, both through the provision of technical facilities and capacity building programmes. My delegation encourages accelerating the implementation process of the decision taken by the Prepcom on the provision of data to tsunami warning organizations.

Madam/ Mr. President,

Before concluding, I would like to reiterate Indonesia's unequivocal commitment to the enhancement of international peace and security by establishing a global nuclear-test ban regime. We owe it to ourselves and to future generations that the world be free from the terror wrought by weapons of mass destruction, for which the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty can make an everlasting contribution. Consequently, it is our fervent hope that this Conference will accelerate the early into force of the CTBT.

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