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Mr. President,

We first like to express our gratitude for your leadership, Mr. President, during the preparation process as well as during this conference today.

Last April, a majority of the Contracting Parties to the CNS took the historical decision to discuss an amendment to this Convention, which aimed at improving global nuclear safety. There was no consensus on amending the Convention. Have we failed?

Today, this conference has adopted - by consensus - a declaration on nuclear safety.

The key elements of our amendment proposal are contained in the Vienna Declaration. However, a declaration on its own is nothing more than words. It is our task to make these words come to life. Switzerland is willing to contribute its share, but we cannot do it alone. It needs all of us to achieve this.

Mr. President,

Today we have all made a commitment. This is the first step in the right direction. This step alone is not sufficient to enhance public confidence in nuclear power. The public will judge our deeds, not our words. So let us now work on the subsequent steps, which are the reporting on the Vienna declaration in our National reports, and the corresponding review and discussion at the future CNS review meetings.

Thank you Mr. President.