

## **MC 1 Report – Draft Report 1 - Canada – Statement Notes of August 15 (afternoon)**

Canada

We thank you, Mr. Chairman, and your team for circulating this draft report in a timely manner. We believe, that in conjunction with the draft report of SB I, your text is a good basis for moving forward.

As we stated earlier today during the meeting of SB I, we consider the reaffirmation of past commitments a critical element for a successful outcome of this Review Conference.

We agree with other delegations that para 23 should be deleted as we do not support adding another category of NPT states beyond NWS and NNWs.

Like others, we would like to welcome the adoption and respect of moratoria on fissile material production for nuclear weapon by some NWS. We would like the Conference to note our regret that not all NWS are upholding such a moratorium, as suggested by Japan.

We also believe that NWS have a special responsibility in seeking to unlock negotiations on an FMCT and we welcome the efforts of all states that support the negotiation of such a treaty.

We regret the lack of transparency by some states on their holdings of fissile materials and their nuclear arsenals. We agree with the Philippines that there should be increased transparency and enhanced reporting.

Like others, we support strong language on the CTBT and the International Monitoring System and we agree with the proposal by the Philippines to making factual updates to the text on recent accessions by some states to the treaty.

We agree that the language on the Budapest memorandum should be strengthened.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge the importance of disarmament education, as proposed by Japan and Hungary, and we agree with the comments made by Sweden on gender.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.