

**Statement by Ambassador Hamza Khelif of Algeria  
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At the outset, the delegation of Algeria would like to congratulate you sir, on the occasion of assuming the Presidency of the conference. May you be assured, sir, of our cooperation and support to you in discharging your duties. Through you sir, I would also like to extend our thanks to the six presidents of the Conference for the current year for the efforts that they have made and that they continue to make in consultation with the members of the conference.

With the objective of reaching consensus on a program of work that would be satisfactory to everybody, the delegation of Algeria also would like to associate itself with your statement and statements that we have heard from delegations that have expressed their condolences to the government and the peoples of the Peoples Republic of China and Myanmar in the wake of the painful incidents that have effected the countries. We would also like to extend our condolences to the members of the families of the victims of the natural disasters

Mr. President

As His Excellence the Secretary General of the conference said, we have sensed today certain positive aspects and positive points because we have heard the EU group member states and other countries through Slovenia, the current president of the EU, and we have heard the statement by the group of Eastern European states, the group that announced today its support for the proposal by the six presidents that had been submitted to the Conference in the document CD 1840. Indeed, those are positive points and positive elements that make it clearer to us that we are coming closer to the consensus that we all seek to contain. The consensus that according to the appreciation of the Algerian delegation, perhaps this is optimism on our part, this consensus that should be the whole mark of our work, we are coming closer and closer to this consensus. But we have also noted in your statement, Mr. President, that the six Presidents are open and remain open to the members of the conference in order to reach a document that would be satisfactory to everybody. We must not overlook that there have been certain statements and certain comments made by some member states here sir, and we hope, Mr. President, that you are going to find the right formula, and that we are going to be able to utilize the time remaining for us in order to dissipate all the disagreements and to bring closer the viewpoints to one another and we hope in this that all member states will show the necessary flexibility. Within the spirit of multilateralism that require for some to concede on certain points and to accept certain points all with the purpose of attaining this consensus, my delegation Mr. President, my delegation would like to underline that it is perfectly willing and ready to extend to you its help and assistance for us to be able to obtain this objective.

I thank you sir.