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Argentina, Ambassador Roberto Garcia Moritán

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Mr. President,

please allow me to express my appreciation for having been able to work along side you as a member of the P6 for all these months.

When you brought down the gavel to confirm consensus I felt a real emotion Sir, because I know the effort involved over the last few years in changing the direction of our Conference. I have witnessed the efforts of last year's presidents and this year's P6 colleagues, and your task sir has been one that we have followed with particular attention. We all recognize your diplomatic skill, your personal effort, your perseverance and your clear vision of the future. That it was necessary for the CD to take a decision today, without fail, in order to open avenues to the future. I think that you realized, as many of us did, that we were at a tipping point.

I think that this morning the CD has recovered its central role as it was designed by those who set it up. The door is open to the future, and together with my colleagues from Austria and Australia, and with you Sir and with Zimbabwe and with Vietnam. We will continue to work to give our Conference the place that it deserves and with pace and work that the decision this morning will entail.

Sir, we would like to express our gratitude to you, and express to you also our admiration and friendship.

Thank you.