

Algeria
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Thank you very much, President.

First of all, let me express my thanks to the Secretary General of OPANAL for joining us this morning. Nuclear weapons free zones, in particular in the Middle East, are a reminder of the need to create a nuclear weapons free zone in that part of the world. It is necessary because such a step, such an initiative, would constitute an enormous contribution to the cause of peace. The cause of peace which is so elusive in the middle east.

Let me also take this opportunity to express my salutations and congratulations to the Ambassador of Mexico. I'm wishing him all success in the future of his career. We have benefited enormously from his collaboration, whether it's within the framework of the CD or the Group of 21. His contributions have certainly allowed us to integrate a depth in our discussions and during the meetings of those bodies.

President, we have had unofficial and informal consultations preceding this session under the auspices of the coordinator. These dealt with different items of the agenda and which were very fruitful. We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the coordinator for having taken on this responsibility. During the session of June 1st the Ambassador of Italy made a presentation on discussions that had taken place under his leadership as coordinator on articles one and two of the agenda. He was able to focus discussions on the prohibition of the production of fissile materials following Doc/1907

Now, the Algerian delegation participated in those discussions both concerning production of fissile materials as well as the prevention of nuclear war and related issues. The Algerian delegation made a significant contribution on May 18th in that same regard at that time we expressed our view of article two or item of the conferences agenda.

In the light of this we wish to express the hope that the coordinator, the Ambassador of Italy, will in his oral presentation include the contribution made by the Algerian delegation on item two of the agenda and that in future of the work when it comes to number five of 1907 Algerias position on item two will also be reflected. Since these discussions already took place under the auspices of the Ambassador of Italy as a coordinator.

Let me express my thanks to the Ambassador of Italy and to the coordinator for the efforts that they deployed in this regard and hope, express the hope, that these will allow us to have a clearer view and make further progress on our work.

Thank you.