Your Excellencies, Heads of Delegations, Civic Societies, Ladies and Gentlemen. On behalf of the Kingdom of Lesotho let me take this opportunity to thank the Government of the Republic of Austria for its excellent organization of the third edition of this historic event which has been a resounding success.

The humanitarian impact of Nuclear weapons is a topic of global importance due to their indiscriminate nature. The harm or threat of Nuclear weapons cannot be directed or limited at a specific military objective and as thus pose a danger to life, the environment and the entire marine ecosystem.

The catastrophic and horrendous effects of the use of these weapons cannot be understated as the lessons from Hiroshima and Nagasaki are constant reminders of what may befall mankind if meaningful actions are not taken. This Conference has provided a unique platform through which States can share ideas on how to embark towards universal nuclear disarmament.

Let me conclude by thanking the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for facilitating the participation of the Kingdom of Lesotho and other Countries at this momentous event.

Thank you.