Statement of the Republic of Yemen

Vienna Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons

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I would like to thank the government of Austria for organizing this important conference as well for generous hospitality and warm welcoming.

The Republic of Yemen welcomes the continuing consideration of the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons at the conference convened by Austria on 8-9 December 2014 and in this context, would like to state the following:

1- The Republic of Yemen express its deep concern over the mass destruction caused by any nuclear weapons detonation without regard for the causes and its long term consequences on human health, environment, global warming, economic and future generations.

2- The catastrophic humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons and the risk of a nuclear weapons detonation have confronted and discussed in Oslo, Nayarit and now Vienna. Therefore we think it's time to start a serious diplomatic process to negotiate a legally binding instrument prohibiting nuclear weapons and we stand ready to join such process.

3- We highly appreciate all efforts have been made by UN (General assembly and first committee), UN agencies, states, NGOs, and all stakeholders to protect humanity and achieve the ultimate goal which is the total elimination of nuclear weapons.