

Closing Remarks
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Excellencies,
Dear colleagues,

Let me first of all thank all of you for your kind words and for the trust and confidence you have kindly extended to me throughout the long and at times difficult journey we have taken together, but I do believe we have achieved a historic outcome, fulfilling our mandate to take forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations and through the various measures suggested in the report make the world a safer place and move us all that much closer to achieving and maintaining a world without nuclear weapons.

It will now be up to the General Assembly to review our report and consider the next course of action as appropriate.

What we have accomplished today would not have been possible without the support and cooperation of all in this room. While regretting that we could not adopt the report by consensus, I very much appreciate the flexibility and spirit of compromise shown during our intense negotiations. I therefore thank all of you—States, international organizations and civil society alike—for your active participation and contribution.

I take this opportunity to also thank those who have contributed to the sponsorship programme which has made it possible for many developing countries, particularly those without missions here in Geneva, to take part in our deliberations and making the open-ended working group as inclusive as possible.

My thanks and appreciations also go to the secretariat from the UNODA, both here and New York, the conference service officers as well as the interpreters for all their hard work and support.

I thank you and wish those who have travelled afar a safe journey home.

This meeting is closed.
