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Subsidiary Body 2  
FMCT (legal and institutional aspects)

Mr. Coordinator,

In accordance with your outline for today's discussion, I would like to share some of Italy's basic positions on the possible legal and institutional aspects of a future FMCT.

Concerning governance and decision-making, Italy supports a tripartite structure, with a Conference of State Parties as the main governing body, an executive council, and a secretariat.

As I mentioned yesterday, we are deeply convinced that one of the main pillars of the Treaty will be its verification system. In this regard, mindful of the need for maximum effectiveness in the implementation of the Treaty, we believe that the IAEA, whose expertise in this field is unquestioned, should be entrusted with its verification tasks.

A very sensitive issue relates to ways to address possible cases of non-compliance. On this point, we share the view, already expressed in the 2015 GGE report, that States parties should have a role in assessing these cases. At the same time, we think that further reflection is needed on the relevant role that the UN bodies should also play in this process.

Special attention should also be given to the drafting of the rules on entry into force of the Treaty. We believe that a balance should be struck between excessively restrictive ones (such as those provided for in the CTBT), and too permissive rules, which could undermine the credibility of this instrument.

We think that an indefinite or extended treaty duration would be best suited to the goals of non-proliferation, as well as disarmament.

Finally, serious consideration should also be given to defining very rigorous withdrawal clauses.

We trust that the outcome of the High Level Preparatory Group on an FMCT will provide useful input on all of these and other legal and institutional arrangements, and make a contribution to advancing towards negotiations on an FMCT in the Conference on Disarmament. We look forward to the issuing of its report later this year.

Thank you.