

The Tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

**Main Committee III
Subsidiary Body on Other Provisions of the Treaty (SB 3)**

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Mr. Chairman,

I reaffirm the U.S. Government's support for efforts to consider how we might make strengthen the review process. The United States encourages all NPT Parties to work together on ways to improve the review process and help make it genuinely fit for purpose.

I wish to clarify the U.S. intervention made during the last meeting of this Subsidiary Body. During that discussion, I noted a recommendation from the working paper submitted by the Nonproliferation and Disarmament Initiative (NPDI) that we believe would be helpful in stimulating dialogue on where improvements to the review process might be appropriate. I want to clarify that the United States was pointing to a recommendation already in the Working Papers and not making or taking credit for this recommendation.

In Working Paper 10, the NPDI recommended that the Conference should establish a formal Working Group on further strengthening the review process of the Treaty, open to all States Parties, and further recommended that the working group discuss improvements that would increase the effectiveness, efficiency, transparency and accountability of the review process. We think this idea has merit. We would welcome a mention of it in the report from this committee, with a view to establish a formal Working Group which would take up work in 2023 and report to the Preparatory Committee with any recommended reforms.

We welcome further discussion of this and other proposals to improve the review process.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.