

Conference on Disarmament
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Statement by Ambassador Khalil Hashmi
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Thank you very much Mr. President,

We deeply appreciate your leadership, your hard work and sincere efforts by you and your team.

We also thank you for the extensive consultations that you undertook in order to find a solution that could meet the consent of all members of the Conference.

Given the realities, the proposals that you put forward represented a potential way forward to resume substantive work of the Conference. But as you said earlier today that the difficulties we are faced with cannot be overcome by smart drafting exercises. We couldn't agree more. They require instead approaches and efforts that are realistic and take on board the views of all member states.

Mr. President,

Going forward we must remain mindful of these realities that exist, but at same time also address the legitimate concerns of all delegations. We very much hope that as we move forward all of us draw the right lessons from this exercise.

I wish to place on record once again our deep appreciation and commend you for all the work that you did.

I thank you, Mr. President.