Intervención del Presidente de la Conferencia de Desarme
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Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Argentina is pleased to take over the Presidency of the Conference on Disarmament and pledges to do its best to follow the path started by His Excellency Ambassador Rachid Belbaki of Algeria, first President of the P5 during this year whom I warmly thank for all his efforts. I intend to continue his work together with my P5 colleagues to ensure the resumption of substantive work in this forum.

Due to what happened in our last plenary session, P5 considered that we needed more time to exchange views and explore possible ways forward on the package. For that reason, I have conducted a number of consultations to see whether there is common ground for its adoption. In that sense, I convened informal meetings in different formats: groups of countries of different regions, some countries of the same regional groups, drafting meetings in large and small groups. I wish to thank all of you the efforts and flexibility shown.

At this stage, P5 believes that we are pretty close to presenting a revised version which contains language acceptable to all.
Along my intensive consultations I could perceive, with profound admiration that many colleagues hold a PHD in the CD.

This situation, in appearance, seems to be a wonderful accomplishment, if it were not for the fact that this way of reasoning frenetically leads us to the most obscure cryptology which blocks any decision, taking advantage of the lack of understanding, of the majority of the membership, including me.

The CD lacks of a radical element, an ingredient that is essential, a vital component to unable this old and oxide machinery to work again. It urgently needs high doses of common sense.

About 1,600 hours of deliberations in the last 22 years, we and our predecessors wasted in trying to agree in something that should be very simple to achieve and as everyone knows consists of establishing a Program of Work. Are we all prepared to give a certificate of perpetuity to this situation?

Elaborate, identify, recommend, analyse, and many other words, or even a comma, could provoke a fatal collapse of the whole world.

.....My dear colleagues, we are not negotiating ANYTHING. The maximal aspiration we have, is to agree on a paper that indicates how we are going to work.

We must once and for all, break the powerful attraction of the gravity force that makes us fall and fail, .....over and over again.
Obviously I am not naïve, and I know that behind a word, an entire Universe can perspire and suffer a tremendous stress.

But if the purpose of all this countless exercises is doing nothing, we should be brave enough, honest enough and determined enough to explain here, in this beautiful room, that we should not function anymore and that we all,....obviously by consensus.....decided that bank of the Conference of Disarmament is bankrupt.

That would save millions of dollars OF our respective taxpayers who can use this money to heal the pain of the victims of wars.

But I still have a hope, that eventually that ingredient at least in minimal doses can be spread in this room. I have hope that common sense eventual will emerge and that is why on Monday, once again, will circulate a revised version for you to analyse and eventually decipher, in order to table it on Tuesday afternoon.