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Mr. President,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,

1. Let me join others in congratulating you, Ambassador Kmentt, on your assumption as the President of the First Meeting of the State Parties to the TPNW.

2. My delegation certainly commends you and your team, in stewarding our efforts for the past one year, to prepare this very anticipated Meeting.

3. Let me also express appreciation to the Government of Austria for the hospitality extended to our delegation.

Mr. President,

4. Today, for the first time ever, States Parties, Signatories States, supporting stakeholders of the TPNW, gather here:
   - to kick off the first Meeting of States Parties, and
   - to reaffirm our unequivocal commitment towards a World Free of Nuclear Weapons.

5. Indonesia is proud to join this notable day, to be part of the right side of history.

Mr. President,

6. Nuclear disarmament remains our shared highest priority.

7. Yet, for so long we are far from achieving this goal. We are even in the brink of going farther.

8. The practical steps on nuclear disarmament are barely implemented. Nuclear Armed States continue to maintain, modernize, upgrade or expand their arsenals. Reliance on nuclear weapons is still maintained by nuclear-armed states and their allies.

9. It is indeed under this circumstance, we value the Treaty as well as appreciate each and every States Parties and Signatory States of the Treaty.

10. The TPNW warrants us a strong hope, for finally:
   - providing a legal framework to delegitimize nuclear weapons,
   - raising moral barriers against nuclear weapons threat.

11. We reaffirm that the TPNW serves as important building blocks in our collective multilateral efforts to achieve the global zero on nuclear weapons.

12. We also reaffirm that TPNW reinforces the existing norms and measures.
TPNW will strengthen and ensure the implementation of nuclear safety, security, and safeguards regimes globally, including to have partnership and cooperation between states signatories with relevant International Organization;

Mr. President,

13. While our hope for this Treaty is unambiguous, this Meeting is definitely the beginning of our long chapter. There are so much to be done in realizing the aims of this Treaty, to achieve nuclear disarmament, to prevent all dimensions of the proliferation of nuclear weapons, to prevent any use or threat of use of nuclear weapons, to assist victims, and redress the harms and remediate the environmental damage caused by previous use and testing of nuclear weapons, and to universalize the Treaty and its norms.

14. But, I am optimistic to note that we have:

- 86 (eighty-six) countries, and
- abundant of relevant stakeholders,

to promote adherence to and implementation of this Treaty.

15. In this time of ratification process,

Indonesia has already established supportive laws and regulations to accommodate the Treaty into our national regulation system.

Indonesia’s commitment to use nuclear technology solely for peaceful uses will only be strengthened by this ratification, as nuclear technology for peaceful uses will bolster efforts by many states to boost their socio-economic development, and support the achievement of the SDGs.

Mr. President,

16. Let us seize the momentum of this First MSP to achieve produce meaningful outcomes,

…… that could provide both political and concrete guidance for our efforts ahead.

17. To conclude, rest assured of Indonesia’s unwavering support to the TPNW and commitment towards the achievement of a world free of nuclear weapons.

I thank you.