2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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Japan’s comments on Draft report of Main Committee 1 of the 10th NPT Review Conference

22. The Conference welcomes the affirmation by the nuclear-weapon States, through the Joint Leaders’ Statement by China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States on Preventing Nuclear War and Avoiding Arms Races of 3 January 2022, that a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought. At the same time, the Conference underscores the importance for the nuclear-weapon States, in particular one nuclear-weapon State, to honor, not by words, but by actions, their crucial commitment. The Conference further welcomes the nuclear-weapon States’ reaffirmation of the importance of addressing nuclear threats, and of preserving and complying with their bilateral and multilateral non-proliferation, disarmament, and arms control agreements and commitments.

36. The Conference expresses disappointment at the failure of the Conference on Disarmament to commence negotiations on a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices, noting that such a treaty could make a substantial and concrete contribution towards nuclear non-proliferation in all its aspects, the implementation of article VI of the Non-Proliferation Treaty and, ultimately, a nuclear-weapon-free world. The Conference further expresses disappointment that not all nuclear weapon States have declared and are upholding moratoria on the production of fissile material for use in nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices pending entry into force of an FMCT.