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Having taken this first step in the 2005 review cycle, it is incumbent upon us to clarify a number of elements that will ensure that the coming sessions of the Preparatory Committee will build upon this session.

First, the commitments given in 1995 and 2000 constitute undertakings binding on all States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. There can be no going back. The undertakings have been given and their implementation is imperative.

Second, as envisaged by the strengthened review process, the purpose of the first two sessions of the Preparatory Committee would be to consider principles, objectives and ways in order to promote the full implementation of the Treaty, as well as its universality. This meeting of the Preparatory Committee provided for an exchange of views, as put forward by the States parties, as well as a number of substantive proposals. As a consequence, greater interaction will be required, starting from the second session, in order to accomplish the objectives of the strengthened review process and for the meeting to consider principles, objectives and ways, as was mandated by the Review Conference. A structured debate and interaction should, by necessity, lead to concrete conclusions and would lay the foundation for the development of recommendations at the third Preparatory Committee meeting.

Third, regular reports submitted under the substantive undertaking for all States parties, as agreed to at the 2000 Review Conference, would complement a structured debate and interaction. We have already presented a working paper on the article VI reporting obligation. Further elaboration is needed in this area. In this light, we support the proposal made by the Canadian delegation calling for an open-ended process over the next year to elaborate on reporting obligations. We believe that such an objective and process would be better served by a more structured approach that could take the form of a subsidiary body of the Preparatory Committee that would work in the inter-sessional period in an attempt to make sure that the work of this body forms a part of the strengthened review process. The subsidiary body would submit its findings and recommendations to the next session of the Preparatory Committee. The provision for the establishment of subsidiary bodies within the context of the Treaty's strengthened review process was provided for in the 1995 decisions.

