

Statement

The Vanuatu delegation to the Conference of the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons would firstly like to congratulate the Government of Norway on hosting this very important conference. We acknowledge the efforts of the Kingdom of Norway in Championing this very important issue on the international arena.

The Government of the Republic of Vanuatu has always been firm in its support of a Nuclear Free Pacific. We join the voices of our pacific partners in condemning any and all forms of nuclear detonation within our region. The government is committed to achieving a proactive solution to addressing the humanitarian impacts of nuclear detonation, be it by will or accidental with the support of the international community.

There is no doubt in our minds and in our believe that nuclear weapons has no place in a peaceful society. We firmly believe that in order to achieve an internationlly mutual understanding for the disarmament of nuclear weapons, its testing, its use and stocking, there needs to be continuos dialogue with all our regional and international partners.

We have witnessed the magnitude of suffering that nuclear weapons have inflicked on human life, the environment, climate and society. Therefore we afirm our beieve that total abolishion of nuclear arms, testing and stockpiling by those in possession of them is the only way to secure a nuclear free world.

In view of that allow Vanuatu to urge and encourage the world community to strive for a nuclear free world and continuesly engage in all forums to achieve this end.

Thank you