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Excellencies, Distinguished friends,

Expressing sincere appreciation for excellent arrangements by the organisers, I felt obliged to benefit from this opportunity at this venue, the unique platform expected to send a message of peace, to announce the following position of my Government.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has always deplored nuclear weapons and called for total elimination of nuclear weapons.

The Islamic Republic of Iran considers disarmament, non-proliferation and peaceful use of nuclear energy are three integral parts of any package for global security approach.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has not and will not be involved in nuclear weapons activities. Thus it has not and will not be involved in enrichment activities to produce High Enriched Uranium (HEU), nuclear weapon grade uranium.

The Islamic Republic of Iran considers HEU of nuclear weapons the potential and real threat to global security, thus all peace loving countries are urged for collection measures for nuclear weapons dismantlement and the conversion of HEU of nuclear weapons to LEU to be used in civilian nuclear sector.

Thank you for your kind attention.