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by

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Mr. President,

- I would like to join the previous speaker in expressing our condolences for the victims of barbaric attack at Manchester Arena last night.
- Our heart and soul is with the people of the United Kingdom at this difficult moment.

Mr. President, Dear colleagues,

- The draft I have circulated on the establishment of sub-groups of the Way ahead Working Group serve, as least to me, two purposes:
  - (1) to register the outcome as well as state of affairs of 61 consultations my delegation and I have conducted so far;
  - (2) it could serve as a litmus test for all of us, whether we are close enough to identifying a common ground for a possible consensus leading to creating a trigger for meaningful work for us here.
- The activities I am seeking in the draft proposal are not feel-good ones, instead they are, to my view, do-good ones preparing ourselves for a substantive work this year or in future.
- However, and to my regret, I would like to report to you, Mr. President, and through you to the membership that consensus on my draft proposal is not yet in sight, and more time is needed to conduct further consultations not only on the draft but also on other options and possibilities.
- As such, Mr. President, I will not put the draft proposal for a decision on the establishment of sub-groups of the Working Group on the Way Ahead today, and until I have a clear sense of consensus.

Mr. President,

- This takes me to my second point.
- As I continue with consultations with my mandate of CD/2090, the Conference should maximize the time available to us.
- Therefore, Mr. President, I intend to hold series of meetings of Way Ahead Working Group. I intend to hold two meetings per week and there will be no parallel meetings. The first meeting will be place on Tuesday 1 June 2017 back to back with the usual Plenary meeting.
- The first meeting will be very broad in nature, taking stock of the progress on all agenda items of the Conference as contained in CD/2025. We shall also be discussing, in that meeting, how to better organize future meetings of the Working Group. I will be preparing an agenda for the first meeting, if is so desired by the Conference.

Mr. President,

- In closing, I would like to thank all members of the Conference who received me for consultations, and providing me with views, advises, and useful thoughts in discharging my mandate.

Thank You.

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