

## Address to the First Plenary Session



The United States of America

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Fellow delegates,

The United States welcomes you to Reed College and to our great nation. We hope that you find our hospitality amenable. It is important to begin with welcomes, because we hope to continue this negotiation in the spirit of friendship and progress. However, in order for friendship to be believed and goodwill to be appreciated, is necessary for all involved to remain transparent and open to international evaluation; only the light of scrutiny can ensure that everyone is safe. The United States believes that our primary goal, as both delegates of our respective nations and human beings, must be to ensure the safety and security of free peoples everywhere. Freedom is a delicate thing, and must always be protected with every option available. Working together to limit proliferation of nuclear weapons is a critical element of this protection, and we would urge you to focus your efforts at this conference to prevent their spread.

Nuclear weapons can cause great devastation in the world. We know this as only those responsible can. But more than even the use of nuclear weapons, something we hope to never happen again, the spread of nuclear weapons can cause great uncertainty, feelings of insecurity, and with these, the risk of more conventional destruction. This cannot happen. We are not gathered here unduly and we are not suspicious without reason. Iran has repeatedly, systematically avoided international scrutiny and

has made inroads on the eventual development and possible use of nuclear weapons. This cannot happen. The rhetoric of many of our fellow delegates has been inflammatory and completely incongruous with their words of peace. Remember our goal of cooperation and take such insults for what they are worth.

Nations of the world must be willing to stand strong against threats to freedom and sovereignty. During these negotiations, we ask you to balance the spirit of compromise against the knowledge that some things cannot be compromised. We have a moral obligation to our citizens and to the citizens of our fellow nations to have firm limits and boundaries to our concessions, and to always, always focus on safety, security, and stability. The United States has historically lead against dangerous elements in our world, and we intend to continue pushing for freedom and safety. We will take no options off the table to secure the safety of our citizens and the citizens of our allies. A nation's security is tied up with both their economic power and their military establishment, but we believe true security can only come through devotion to safety and the attempt to maintain peace, until the point where that becomes untenable.

So, to the Islamic Republic of Iran. We welcome you particularly to these negotiations and we are confident that we will make real progress. There must be an understanding, however, that until there is confidence that transparency is achieved and everyone feels secure, it is the international community's responsibility to stand firm and to maintain efforts to create safety. Our fervent hope is that we can get to a point of compromise and trust. Our history has been somewhat rocky, but we have faith that we will be able to move past any issues, and deal with each other in the spirit of transparency, friendship, and a shared hope for a safer future.

Thank you.