1. At its seventieth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 70/39, entitled ‘Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other explosive devices’.

2. The Kingdom of the Netherlands herewith submits the view of the government of the Netherlands on the report of the Group of Governmental Experts, as requested in operative paragraph 3 of the resolution.

3. The Netherlands aims for an ambitious treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices. Reaching that aim requires mutual understanding of the political and technical challenges. This is why the Netherlands has actively contributed to the Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) chaired by Canada.

4. The substantive consensus report that the GGE produced last year laid important groundwork. The GGE discusses several important aspects to be addressed in a fissile material treaty in detail, whilst also pinpointing the outstanding issues. The different viewpoints identified by the GGE report can in the opinion of the Netherlands only be resolved through treaty negotiations, preferably in the Conference on Disarmament.