

## Thematic Summary of the Positions of the Members of the Non-Aligned Movement in Plenary Meeting Records of the 52<sup>nd</sup> General Conference of the International Atomic **Energy Agency United Nations Fora** (GC(52)/OR.8, Para 150) Ms GOICOCHEA ESTENOZ (Cuba), speaking on behalf of NAM, quoted the final declaration of the Movement's 15th Ministerial Conference held in Tehran from 27 to 30 July 2008: "The Ministers reiterated their support for the establishment in the Middle East of a zone free of all weapons of mass destruction. As a priority step to this end, they reaffirmed the need for the speedy establishment of a NWFZ in the Middle East in accordance with the Security Council Resolution 487 (1981) and paragraph 14 of the Security Council Resolution 687 (1991) and the relevant General Assembly resolutions adopted by consensus. They called upon all parties concerned to take urgent and practical steps towards the fulfilment of the proposal initiated by Iran in 1974 for the establishment of such a zone and, pending its establishment, they demanded on Israel, the only country in the region that has not joined the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) nor declared its intention to do so, to renounce possession of nuclear weapons, to accede to the NPT without delay, to place promptly all its nuclear facilities under IAEA full-scope safeguards according to Security Council Resolution 487 (1981) and to conduct its nuclear related activities in conformity with **UN General Assembly** the non-proliferation regime. They called for the earliest implementation of relevant IAEA resolutions on "Application of IAEA Safeguards in the Middle East". They expressed great concern over the acquisition of nuclear capability by Israel which poses a serious and continuing threat to the security of neighbouring and other States, and condemned Israel for continuing to develop and stockpile nuclear arsenals. In this context they also condemned the statement made by the Prime Minister of Israel on 11 December 2006, related to the possession of nuclear weapons by Israel. They urged the continued consideration of the issue of Israeli nuclear capabilities in the context of the IAEA, including at the General Conference at its 52nd Session. They were of the view that stability cannot be achieved in a region where massive imbalances in military capabilities are maintained particularly through the possession of nuclear weapons, which allow one party to threaten its neighbours, and the region. They further welcomed the initiative by H.E. Mr. Mohammed Hosni Mubarak, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, on the establishment of a zone free from weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East, and in this context, they took into consideration the draft resolution tabled by the Syrian Arab Republic, on behalf of the Arab Group, before the Security Council on 29 December 2003 on the establishment of a zone free of

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	(GC(52)/OR.8, Para 152) NAM welcomed the Director General's efforts to develop an agenda and modalities for a forum on the relevance of the experience of existing NWFZs for establishing such a zone in the Middle East. For such a forum to be successful, its agenda should reflect the consensus within the international community on the importance of establishing a NWFZ in the Middle East. NAM welcomed the convergence of views on convening the forum and requested the Director General to continue consultations with Member States of the Middle East to agree upon the agenda and modalities, with a view to convening a productive forum as early as practicable. (GC(52)/OR.8, Para 153) NAM hoped that the draft resolution
	presented by Egypt could be adopted by consensus. (GC(52)/OR.8, Para 168) Ms GOICOCHEA ESTENOZ (Cuba), speaking on behalf of NAM and supported by Mr FAWZY (Egypt) and Mr MOHAMAD (Malaysia), said that the Conference should take action on the draft resolution at the present meeting.
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