Statement by Indonesia

on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)

Thematic cluster 6: Regional Disarmament and Security

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Mr. Chairman,

- 1. I am very pleased to speak on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.
- 2. NAM considers the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones as an important measure towards achieving global nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation objectives. In this regard NAM urges the conclusion of agreements, freely arrived at among the States of the region concerned, with a view to establishing new NWFZs in regions where they do not exist, taking into account the Final Document of the SSOD-I and the 1999 UNDC principles and guidelines. At the same time, NAM stresses that the establishment of such zones does not substitute legal obligation of the nuclear-weapon States for the total elimination of nuclear weapons.
- 3. In this context, NAM continues its strong support for the establishment in the Middle East of a nuclear-weapon-free zone. Pending its establishment, NAM demands Israel, the only country in the region that has neither joined the NPT nor declared its intention to do so, renounce any possession of nuclear weapons, accede to the NPT without precondition and further delay, and place promptly all its nuclear facilities under IAEA full-scope safeguards. NAM expresses 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 condemnes Israel for continuing to develop and stockpile nuclear arsenals. The Movement also calls for the total and complete prohibition of the transfer of all nuclear-related equipment, information, material and facilities, resources or devices and the extension of assistance in the nuclear related scientific or technological fields to Israel. NAM also supports the establishment in the Middle East of a zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction.
- 4. NAM States Parties to the NPT strongly call for the full implementation of the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East, which is an integral and essential part of the package of decisions reached without a vote that enabled the indefinite extension of the Treaty. NAM States Parties to the NPT express deep concern over the delay in the implementation of the resolution which remains valid until its objectives are achieved.
- 5. NAM States Parties to the NPT welcome the adoption by consensus of a detailed plan of action on "the Middle East, particularly implementation of the 1995 resolution on the Middle East" in the "Conclusions and Recommendations for Follow-on actions" of the 2010 NPT Review Conference and strongly call for its full implementation, in close consultation and coordination with the States of the Middle East, without any further delay.
- 6. NAM States Parties to the NPT urge the UN Secretary General and the co-sponsors of the 1995 Resolution, in consultation with the States of the region, to exert utmost efforts in ensuring the success of the Conference to be convened in 2012, to be attended by all States

of the Middle East on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction. They stress the importance of the full implementation of all aspects of the agreed plan of action and the active and constructive engagement of all parties concerned to allow for the success of the conference in launching a regional negotiation process aimed at fully realizing the objectives of the 1995 resolution in the establishment of the zone.

7. NAM States Parties to the NPT welcome the appointment of a facilitator, and the designation of a host government for a conference in 2012, to be attended by all States of the Middle East on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction. They note the report of the facilitator to the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 NPT Review Conference and call on him to accelerate consultations with all capitals in the region. They request the Secretary-General, in implementation of his mandate to convene the Conference, to exert maximum efforts with a view to convening the Conference at the earliest possible date in 2012, without any further delay. They further stress the importance of availing all financial means necessary for the activities of the facilitator and convening of the Conference, as soon as possible, including from the regular budget of the United Nations.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.