

Statement by

**The Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia
on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement States Parties to the Treaty
on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons**

**At the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee for
the 2026 Review Conference of the Parties to the
Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons**

**Specific Issue 2: Regional Issues, including with Respect to the
Middle East and Implementation of the 1995 Middle East Resolution**

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Mr. Chair,

1. I am honored to speak on behalf of the Group of Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement States Parties to the NPT.
2. NAM States Parties to the NPT reiterate their serious concern over the delay in the implementation of the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East, and urge the co-sponsors of the Resolution to take all necessary measures to fully implement it without any further delay.
3. We are determined to continue pursuing, as a matter of high priority, the implementation of the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East and strongly support the establishment of a Nuclear-Weapon-Free zone in the Middle East. The 1995 Resolution on the Middle East constitutes an integral and essential part of the package of decisions reached that enabled the indefinite extension of the Treaty without a vote in 1995. This resolution remains valid until its objectives are achieved.
4. NAM State Parties to the NPT reiterate their profound disappointment that the 2010 Action Plan on the Establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction has not been implemented. This runs contrary to the letter and spirit of the 1995 Resolution, which constitutes the original terms of reference of

establishing this zone. It also violates the collective agreement reached at the 2010 NPT Review Conference.

5. Recalling the opposition expressed at the concluding session of the 2015 NPT Review Conference, the Group expresses its disappointment that as the result of such opposition, consensus on new measures regarding the process to establish a Middle East Zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction was not achieved. This could undermine efforts towards strengthening NPT regime as a whole, including through achieving its universality. We re-emphasize the special responsibility of the co-sponsor States of the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East in the implementation of that resolution. The Group is concerned that the persistent lack of implementation of the 1995 Resolution, contrary to the decisions made at the relevant NPT Review Conferences undermines the effectiveness and credibility of the NPT and disrupts the delicate balance between its three pillars, taking into account that the indefinite extension of the Treaty agreed at the 1995 Review Conference is inextricably linked to the implementation of the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East and does not entail the right to indefinitely possess nuclear weapons.
6. The co-sponsors of the 1995 resolution on the Middle East bear special responsibility for the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction, as well as for the full implementation of the 1995 resolution, which they co-sponsored, in order to guarantee the indefinite extension of the Treaty without a vote.
7. NAM strongly supports the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East. As a priority step to this end, we reaffirmed the need for the speedy establishment of a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in the Middle East. Pending its establishment, NAM demands that Israel, the only state in the region that has not 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 neighboring and other States, and condemns Israel for continuing to develop and stockpile nuclear arsenals. The Group 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.

8. NAM stresses the importance of the adoption of General Assembly Decision 73/546, entitled “Convening a conference on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction”. In this regard, the Group welcomes United Nations General Assembly Decision 73/546, the convening of four successful Sessions of the Conference on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, and acknowledges their constructive outcomes. The Group calls on the Committee to support the implementation of this Decision and to acknowledge the progress made thus far in the context of this Conference. NAM continues to call upon all States of the region, without exception, to actively participate in this Conference and negotiate in good faith and bring to a conclusion a legally-binding Treaty on the establishment of the Zone. NAM States Parties to the NPT also stress that the resolution on the Middle East adopted by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the NPT, as well as other relevant decisions on the subject, adopted within the context of the Review Conferences, remain valid until the objective of the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and other WMD in the Middle East is achieved and that the implementation of decision 73/546 is without prejudice to the validity of the aforesaid resolution and decisions and shall not also be construed as their replacement.
9. The Group expresses deep concern and strongly condemn the threat by an Israeli Minister last October where he suggested dropping nuclear weapons on Gaza strip and its entire civilian population as well as with the nuclear threat by the Israeli Prime Minister in September 2023 against Iran. These are outrageous and shocking statements that requires solemn condemnation of and full attention by this august assembly, and further reinforces the urgent necessity of a zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction in the region as an indispensable asset for regional and international peace and security and international law.

Thank you.