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**on behalf of the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties
to the Treaty of the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons**

**at the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee
for the 2010 Review Conference of the States Parties
to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
Geneva, 28 April – 9 May 2008**

**On Specific Issues- regional issues, including with respect to the Middle East and
Implementation of the 1995 Middle East resolution**

Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Group of Non-Aligned States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on the specific issues – regional issues, including with respect to the Middle East and Implementation of the 1995 Middle East resolution.

The Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty recalls the resolution on the Middle East adopted by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference and its operative paragraph 4, as well as the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference (Part I), which "calls upon all States in the Middle East that have not yet done so, without exception, to accede to the Treaty as soon as possible and to place their facilities under full-scope International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards".

The Group recalls that the 2000 Review Conference reaffirmed the importance of Israel's accession to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the placement of all its nuclear facilities under comprehensive IAEA safeguards, in realizing the goal of universal adherence to the Treaty in the Middle East.

The Group reaffirms 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. The Group calls 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.

The Group notes with regret that no progress has been achieved with regard to Israel's accession to the Treaty, extension of full-scope safeguards to all its nuclear facilities or establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East, all of which are objectives and priorities that were stressed in both Review Conferences of 1995 and 2000.

Mr. Chairman,

The Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty reaffirms the importance of Israel's prompt accession to the NPT and the placement of all its nuclear facilities under comprehensive IAEA safeguards, in realizing the goal of universal adherence to the Treaty in the Middle East.

The Group is gravely concerned by the statement made by the Prime Minister of Israel on December 11th 2006 in which he publicly admitted the possession of nuclear weapons by Israel and demands on Israel, the only country in the region that has not joined the NPT nor declared its intention to do so, to renounce possession of nuclear weapons, to accede to the Treaty 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 the non-proliferation regime.

The Group 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 condemns Israel for continuing to develop and stockpile nuclear arsenals. The Group reaffirms 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.

The Group recalls that nuclear-weapon States, in conformity with their obligations under article I of the Treaty, solemnly undertake not to transfer nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices or control over such weapons or explosive devices directly or indirectly to Israel, and further undertake not in anyway to assist, encourage or induce Israel to manufacture or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices or control over such weapons or explosive devices under any circumstances whatsoever.

Mr. Chairman,

The Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty, in conformity with the seventh preambular paragraph and article IV of the Treaty, hereby declares its commitment to exclusively prohibit the transfer of all nuclear-related equipment, information, material and facilities, resources or devices, and the extension of know-how or any kind of assistance in the nuclear, scientific or technological fields to Israel, as long as it remains a non-party to the Treaty and has not placed all its nuclear facilities under full-scope IAEA safeguards.

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. In this regard, it expresses its serious concern over the continuing development whereby Israeli scientists are provided access to the nuclear facilities of one NWS. This development will have potentially serious negative implications on security in the region as well as the reliability of the global non-proliferation regime.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, in recalling that the 1995 resolution on the Middle East was an essential element of the outcome of the 1995 Review and Extension Conference

and the basis on which the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons was indefinitely extended, and that the resolution remains valid until its goals and objectives are achieved, the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty reaffirms once again the determination of the Parties to extend their fullest cooperation and to exert their utmost efforts with a view to ensure the early establishment in the Middle East of a zone free of nuclear weapons. In this vein, the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty therefore requests the following:

1. The allocation of specific time at Preparatory Committee meetings of the 2010 Review Conference to review the implementation of the resolution on the Middle East adopted by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference and the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference.
2. The establishment of a subsidiary body to Main Committee II of the 2010 Review Conference to consider and recommend proposals on the implementation of the resolution on the Middle East adopted by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference and the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference.
3. The establishment of a Standing Committee composed of members of the Bureau of the 2010 Review Conference to follow up intersessionally on the implementation of the recommendations concerning the Middle East, in particular Israel's prompt accession to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the placement of all its nuclear facilities under comprehensive IAEA safeguards, and report to the 2015 Review Conference and its Preparatory Committee.

Thank you.

