

**Concluding Statement by Malaysia on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement
States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons**

Mr. Chairman,

1. I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Non-Aligned countries that are States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).
2. We wish to thank you for the manner in which you have chaired the deliberations of this Preparatory Committee. Our appreciation also goes to Ambassador Henrik Salander in assisting you in discharging your responsibility.

Mr. Chairman,

3. At the First Session of the Preparatory Committee, we began the process of reviewing the full implementation of the objectives of the Treaty and decisions agreed upon at the 1995 Review and Extension Conference and the 2000 Review Conference, with a view to continuing the strengthened process for the Treaty. For the past two weeks, we have continued these deliberations by considering among others, issues such as universality and the implementation of Article VI of the Treaty.

4. The NAM wishes to recall that the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference agreed that States Parties at the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee should make every effort to produce a consensus report containing recommendations to the Review Conference. In this context, we look forward to working together with other States Parties to produce the recommendations to the 2005 Review Conference. As you are aware, a representative of the Group of Non-Aligned and other States Parties to the Treaty would chair the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee. In this regard, we wish to inform the meeting that consultation is in progress on the NAM candidate for the chairmanship.

Mr. Chairman,

5. The NAM is encouraged with some positive development at this session. We have noticed that the level of interaction among States Parties beyond formal statements has increased. We believe that this is a step in the right direction. We hope that the level of interaction could be further improved at the future session and the Review Conference.

6. We also welcome the increase in the number of reporting especially with regard to the implementation of Article VI, including the implementation of the 13 practical steps. We hope this trend would continue at the next session and the Review Conference.

Mr. Chairman,

9. Before concluding my statement, allow me on behalf of the NAM States Parties to the NPT to welcome the accession of Timor Leste to the Treaty.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.