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

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for the 2010 NPT Review Conference**

**Specific Issues – regional issues, including with respect to
the Middle East and implementation of the 1995 Middle
East Resolution**

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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 regional issues-including with respect to the Middle East and to the implementation of the 1995 Middle East resolution.

We welcome the efforts aimed at establishing Nuclear Weapon Free Zone (NWFZ) in the Middle East and call for cooperation and consultation in order to achieve agreement.

We reaffirm the resolution on the Middle East adopted in 1995, 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 nuclear facilities under full-scope IAEA safeguards.”

The 1995 resolution on the Middle East is an essential element of the outcome of the 1995 Review and Extension Conference and of the basis of which the NPT was indefinitely extended, without a vote in 1995, and that the resolution remains valid until its goals and objectives are achieved.

We are concerned that Israel continues to refrain from acceding to the NPT despite the accession of all other States in the region. We reaffirm the 2000 Review Conference Final Outcome which underscored the importance of Israel’s 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 11, 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 of 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 neighboring 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 neighbors, and the region.

The Group recalls that nuclear-weapon States, in conformity with their obligations under article I of the Treaty, solemnly undertaken 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 any way 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 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, we offer the following inputs to be considered by the Preparatory Committee as it recommends for the 2010 Review Conference:

1. **To recommend** the establishment of a subsidiary body to Main Committee II of the 2010 Review Conference to consider and recommend proposals on concrete practical steps to promote the earliest implementation of the resolution on the Middle East.
2. **To recommend** the establishment of a Standing Committee composed of members of the Bureau of the 2010 Review Conference to follow up intersessionally the implementation of the recommendations concerning the Middle East and to report to the 2015 Review Conference and its Preparatory Committees.
3. **To focus** substantially the activities of the Preparatory Committee on the Middle East including, in particular the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zone in that region in accordance with the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East; and that State parties to the Treaty, in particular the three Treaty depositories and sponsors of the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East, should report on steps they have taken to promote the undelayed establishment of a Middle East nuclear-weapon-free zone and the realization of goals and objectives of the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East.

Thank you.

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