

## STATEMENT (GENERAL COMMENTS) BY NAM STATES PARTIES TO THE NPT ON THE CHAIR'S PAPER

12 MAY 2009

Mr. Chairman,

I have the honor to speak on behalf of NAM States parties to the NPT.

- First of all, we would like to express our appreciation for your efforts which has led to the submission of a draft recommendations to the Review Conference as contained in document NPT/CONF.2010/PC III/CRP.4. We also commend the process of consultations that you have conducted in the past months. We understand you have carefully crafted this paper which is based on statements and working papers by States parties, identifying practical initiatives that stand a reasonable prospect of producing a consensus. We also take note that recommendations contained therein are conveyed without prejudice to other initiatives that States parties may wish to offer.
- We welcome the Chair's paper which could be used as a basis for further work, and in this regard, NAM States parties to the NPT is prepared to engage constructively with you and all states parties to arrive at a recommendation agreeable to all.
- The Group has presented to this Prepcom its working paper consisting of substantive recommendation as contained in NPT/CONF.2010/PC III/WP.30.
- We believe that the Chair's paper still has some room for further improvement. In this vein, we would like to highlight several points which we consider as necessary to be reflected in the recommendation to the Review Conference:
  1. NAM States parties have consistently reaffirmed the need to have a balanced and non-discriminative approach to the **3 pillars of the NPT**. This issue is also shared

by many states parties and therefore we deem it necessary that such principles be clearly reflected in the chapeau of this paper.

In addition, and in the same light, for instance, we would like to see similar or identical language as contained in the nonproliferation section (paragraph 3 a), be duplicated in the nuclear disarmament section (paragraph 2).

2. We believe that reference to the **security assurances** provided to non nuclear weapon states could be made explicit. We have consistently called for a negotiation of a universal, unconditional, and legally binding instrument on security assurances to non nuclear weapon states against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons. Such assurances will strengthen the nuclear non-proliferation regime.
3. With regard to the implementation of the **resolution on the Middle East**, which we deem as 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, we would need a reference of further concrete measures to implement the resolution. Such concrete measures could include:
  - a. 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.
  - b. 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 Prepcoms.
4. The issue of **nuclear fuel supply** (as contained in section 4 d) is a very complex and multi-dimensional concept with technical, legal, commercial and economic

implications. In this regard, NAM States parties are of the view that in order to reach a consensual conclusion, it is premature for this issue to be considered before undergoing extensive, comprehensive and transparent consultations.

5. In the context of **strengthening safeguards**, NAM States parties notes the importance of maintaining the principles of confidentiality. As the IAEA is the only organization which receives highly confidential and sensitive information on the nuclear facilities of the Member States, the confidentiality of the information shall be respected and information shall not be provided to those not authorized by the Agency to receive it.
6. With regards to **universality** which has been covered in your paper, we would want to see a more clear language to indicate that States parties exert all possible efforts to promote universal adherence to the Treaty and not to undertake any actions that can negatively affect prospects for the universality of the Treaty.
7. There is also room for an improvement in the structure of the paper, perhaps to reflect the three pillars more prominently. In this case, we rely in your good hands.

Mr. Chairman,

Once again let me reiterate NAM States parties' commitment to work constructively with you and other state parties to ensure a successful conclusion of this Prepcom meeting.

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