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Mr. President,

I have the pleasure to speak on behalf of the NAM States Party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) after the adoption of the final document. NAM considers this document an important step forward towards the realization of the goals and objectives of the Treaty.

This Conference was convened at a historical juncture, where we all witnessed and welcomed the emergence of new leaderships, announcing determinations and stronger political will, that was matched by public figures, intellectuals, civil society, and by the peoples of our countries in both nuclear and non-nuclear weapons States, aimed at the total elimination of nuclear weapons and achieving the goal of a world free from nuclear weapons.

You succeeded, Mr. President, to capitalize on this positive environment through an open, all-inclusive and transparent process of negotiations and consultations over the past four weeks at the Conference which allowed us to crown our efforts by success and we congratulate you and your team for that.

Our negotiations covered a wide range of issues that are of crucial importance to the Treaty's credibility and effectiveness on the one hand, and to the security and aspirations of States parties on the other. We have negotiated and agreed on three forward looking action plans on nuclear disarmament, nuclear non-proliferation and the inalienable right to peaceful uses of nuclear energy. We have further reaffirmed in our plans of action the critical importance of achieving the universality of the Treaty and putting into action an effective process to implement the 1995 resolution on the Middle East. We have examined the need for a Nuclear Weapons

Convention for the total elimination of nuclear weapons within a specified framework of time, the need for a global, legally binding unconditional instrument on negative security assurances, and many other important issues required to bring about the full implementation of the Treaty and a world free from nuclear weapons.

In the meantime, we note that the wealth of elements negotiated and the time constraints against the conclusive consideration of many of such elements have not allowed us to realize all what we were aiming to achieve at this Conference. Nonetheless, we believe, Mr. President, that we have moved a step forward. NAM has decided to take an advantage of signs of a re-emerging international good-will, and to push forward constructively, show the necessary political courage, and do everything in our power to make this Review Conference a befitting success. In our view, failure was never an option.

The outcome document we just approved represents in our view a basis for a deal we intend to vigorously build on in the next years, in cooperation with all States Parties to the Treaty, in particular with Nuclear-Weapons States, aiming at the earliest realization of a world free from nuclear weapons, where policies of deterrence have no place, and where the horrible threat posed by nuclear weapons to human lives on our planet no longer exists.

We are aware that the adopted final outcome did not benefit to a great extent from the elements of a plan of action presented by NAM on the total elimination of nuclear weapons, and the comprehensive working paper presented by NAM on all three pillars of the Treaty and on the implementation of the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East, but this did not stop us from engaging constructively and achieving concrete results.

In this context, NAM States Parties plan to vigorously pursue the following priorities in the run up to the next Review Conference in 2015, starting with its Preparatory Committees, and even before, in full cooperation with all States Parties to the Treaty:

1. Realizing the full and prompt implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments by nuclear-weapon States, aiming at the total elimination of nuclear weapons by 2025.
2. Pursuing continued focussed and dedicated efforts to realize at the earliest possible time the universality of the Treaty as a key requirement for its effectiveness, and the global realization of its objectives.
3. Prompt commencement of negotiations on a Nuclear Weapons Convention, as the route to realizing a world free from nuclear weapons by the year 2025.

4. Commencement of negotiations on a legally binding instrument to provide non-nuclear-weapon States with global, unconditional security assurances against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons, pending the realization of the total elimination of nuclear weapons.
5. Reaffirmation of the inalienable right of non-nuclear-weapon States Parties to the Treaty to pursue their national choices in the area of peaceful uses of nuclear energy, including their right for nuclear fuel cycle, without undue restrictions that would contradict with Article IV of the Treaty.
6. Reaffirmation that voluntary arrangements and confidence building measures undertaken by States Parties should, by no means, be seen as to turn into legal obligations, that would affect the balanced commitments and obligations of the States Party in accordance with the Treaty.

On the crucially important issue of the implementation of the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East, a central component of the indefinite extension of the Treaty which remains unimplemented to date after fifteen years, we have moved forward and achieved progress in adopting an action plan to push towards the implementation of this resolution, to establish a zone free from nuclear weapons as well as other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East. This would have not been

possible today without the committed engagement of all States Party and their dedication to pursuing this goal. We intend to engage constructively with all concerned parties to implement the practical steps adopted today in the process leading to the full implementation of the 1995 resolution on the Middle East. The road ahead is not easy but it's the only way forward.

Today's reaffirmation by the Conference of the importance of Israel's accession to the Treaty and the placement all its nuclear facilities under IAEA comprehensive safeguards, confirms the continued resolve of the States Parties to pursue the 1995 and 2000 commitments in this respect.

Mr. President,

The adoption of our forward looking final outcome today, despite all the considerations I raised here, provides solid and uncontested evidence that NAM States Parties to the NPT have shown their maximum flexibility throughout the deliberations and negotiations at this conference. NAM States Parties saw positive potential and momentum and decided that the document just adopted represented a viable option before us to produce a substantive result for the work of the Conference, one that can be built upon and further enhanced in the near future. Indeed, though imperfect, the agreed package represents an outcome that can move

us forward together on all fronts.

We invite all other States Parties to join us in this important effort in the run up to the next Review Conference in 2015, to promote more effectively the universality of the Treaty and the balanced implementation of all its provisions in a manner that opens the opportunity for the next generations to enjoy the prosperity of a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World.

The Non-Aligned Movement wishes to acknowledge your tireless efforts, Mr. President, and those of all members of the bureau, facilitators and many hard working delegates who have made it possible to bring this historical conference to a successful conclusion.

Thank you.