

Statement by the delegation of the Republic of Indonesia

on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement State Parties to the NPT

Cluster 2: Regional issues, including with respect to the Middle East and implementation of the 1995 Middle East Resolution

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Mr. Chairman,

1. At the Non Aligned Movement Summit on Margarita Island, Venezuela, September 2016, the Heads of State or Government reiterated their full support for the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East.
2. The Group reiterates its serious concern over the two decades' delay in the implementation of the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East, and urges the cosponsors of the Resolution to take all necessary measures to fully implement it without any further delay.
3. We are determined to continue pursuing, as a matter of high priority, the implementation of the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East and strongly support the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East. The 1995 Resolution on the Middle East constitutes an integral and essential part of the package of decisions reached that enabled

the indefinite extension of the Treaty without a vote in 1995. This resolution remains valid until its objectives are achieved.

4. NAM State Parties to the NPT reiterate their profound disappointment that the 2010 action plan on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction has not been implemented. This runs contrary to the letter and spirit of the 1995 Resolution, which constitutes the original terms of reference of establishing this zone. It also violates the collective agreement reached at the 2010 NPT Review Conference.
5. Recalling the opposition expressed at the concluding session of the 2015 NPT Review Conference, the Group expresses their disappointment that as the result of such opposition, consensus on new measures regarding the process to establish a Middle East Zone free of Nuclear Weapons and all other Weapons of Mass Destruction was not achieved. This could undermine efforts towards strengthening NPT regime as a whole. We reemphasize the special responsibility of the co-sponsor States of the 1995 resolution on the Middle East in implementation of that resolution. The Group is concerned that the persistent lack of implementation of the 1995 Resolution, contrary to the decisions made at the relevant NPT Review Conferences undermine the effectiveness and credibility of the NPT and disrupts the delicate balance between its three pillars, taking into account that the indefinite extension of the Treaty agreed at the 1995 Review Conference inextricably linked to the implementation of the 1995 resolution on the Middle East does not entail the right to indefinitely possess nuclear weapons.
6. NAM strongly supports the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East. As a priority step to this end, they reaffirmed the need for the speedy establishment of a NWFZ in the Middle East. Pending its establishment, NAM demands that Israel, the only state in the region that has not joined the NPT nor declared its intention to do so, renounce any possession of nuclear weapons, accede to the NPT without precondition and further delay, place promptly all its nuclear facilities under IAEA

full-scope safeguards. NAM 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 Movement 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.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.