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**on behalf of the Group of Member States of
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Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons**

on

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

**Second Session of the Preparatory Committee
for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the
Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons**

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Mr. Chairman,

1. I am honoured to speak on behalf of the Group of Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement Parties to the NPT.
2. The Group underscores it has presented working paper entitled “Regional issues: Middle East” that details the Group’s position on this crucial subject.
3. The Group underlines the reaffirmation by the 1995, 2000 and 2010 Review Conferences that the universal adherence to the Treaty is an urgent priority and every effort should be made by all States parties, individually and collectively, to achieve this objective.
4. The Group reaffirms also the significance of the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones as a right recognized by the Treaty and an important measure towards attaining the objective of global nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.
5. The Group emphasizes the importance of the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East underscored in the Review Conferences of the Treaty and recalls that the 2000 Review Conference highlighted the universal adherence to the Treaty in the Middle East and reaffirmed the importance of Israel’s accession to the Treaty and the placement of all its nuclear facilities under the IAEA safeguards.
6. The Movement attaches great importance to peace, security and stability in the Middle East. In this regard, the Movement strongly supports the establishment in the Middle East of a nuclear-weapon-free zone which is essential to the maintenance and strengthening of international peace and security.
7. Based on this principled position, and since the proposal to establish a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East was put forward, the Movement has always supported all regional and international efforts aimed at the realization of this proposal.
8. In this regard, the Group strongly calls for the full implementation of the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East. This Resolution is an integral and essential part of the package of decisions reached without a vote that enabled the indefinite extension of the Treaty in 1995. The Group stresses that, as has been reaffirmed by the Review Conferences of the Treaty, this Resolution remains valid until its objectives are achieved.
9. The Group expresses deep concern over the delay in the implementation of the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East and urges the three cosponsors of the Resolution to fulfill their responsibility in taking all necessary measures to fully implement it without any further delay.
10. In this regard, I would like to refer to the Final Document of Tehran Summit in August 2012, in which the Heads of State or Government, while recalling the initiatives by Iran, Egypt and Syria and resolutions submitted on behalf of the Arab Group on the establishment of a NWFZ in the Middle East, called upon all parties concerned to take urgent and practical steps for the establishment of such a zone and, pending its establishment, demanded that 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 NPT without precondition and further delay, to place promptly all its nuclear facilities under IAEA full-scope safeguards and to conduct its nuclear related activities in conformity with the non-proliferation regime. They expressed great

concern over the acquisition of nuclear capability by Israel which poses a serious and continuing threat to the security of neighbouring and other States, and condemned Israel for continuing to develop and stockpile nuclear arsenals. They also called 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.

11. Recalling the consensus decision contained in the Final Document of the 2010 NPT Review Conference on convening, in 2012, a Conference on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction, and appreciating the efforts made by the facilitator, Mr. Jaakko Laajava, and the host Government of the 2012 Conference, Finland, NAM State Parties to the NPT express their profound disappointment on not convening the conference in 2012 as scheduled. As expressed in the statement issued by the Movement on 29 November 2012, the failure to convene the Conference in 2012 is contrary to the letter and spirit of the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East and contradicts and violates the collective agreement of the States Parties contained in the Final Document of the 2010 NPT Review Conference.

12. While appreciating the constructive engagement and the positive reactions from all Arab countries and the Islamic Republic of Iran towards the Conference, including the announcement of their willingness to participate in the Conference, the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty deplores that Israel continues to undermine the convening of the Conference by not declaring its intention to participate in it.

13. The Group strongly rejects the alleged impediments cited by the Conveners for not convening the Conference on schedule, and expresses its serious concern that the 2nd PrepCom for the 2015 NPT RevCon is meeting while the Conference has not been convened yet. The Group urges the UN Secretary General, the United States, the United Kingdom, and the Russian Federation, to convene the Conference without any further delay in order to avoid any negative repercussions on the credibility of the NPT, its 2015 Review process and the nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation regime as a whole.

14. The Group underscores that efforts, by the Conveners and the Facilitator, related to the Conference should be undertaken in accordance with the mandate entrusted by the 2010 NPT Review Conference, and should be focused on convening the Conference at the earliest date in 2013 and on seeking out in advance, by the Conveners and the Facilitator of the Conference, credible assurances regarding the unconditional participation of Israel, the only country of the region that has not declared its participation in the Conference.

15. The Group reaffirms that the nuclear-weapon States, in conformity with their legal obligations under article I of the Treaty, shall solemnly undertake 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.

16. The Group, in conformity with the Treaty, hereby declares its commitment to the effective prohibition of 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 the IAEA full-scope safeguards.

Mr. Chairman,

17. The Group recalls that the 2000 and 2010 Review Conferences stipulated that all States Parties to the Treaty, particularly the nuclear-weapon States, the States of the Middle East and other interested States, should report through the Secretariat, to the President of the Review Conference as well as the Chairs of its Preparatory Committee meetings, on the steps that they have taken to promote the achievement of such a zone and the realisation of the goals and objectives of the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East. The Group further recalls that the 2010 Review Conference requested the Facilitator to report to the 2015 Review Conference and its Preparatory Committee meetings.

18. The Group accordingly emphasizes the importance of submitting required reports by all States parties to the Treaty, in particular the co-sponsors of the 1995 Resolution as well as the Facilitator of the 2012 conference.

19. The Group requests the establishment of a subsidiary body to Main Committee II of the 2015 Review Conference, to assess the implementation of the Resolution on the Middle East adopted by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference, as well as the conclusions and recommendations for follow-on actions of the 2010 Review Conference.

20. The Group also calls for the establishment of a standing committee comprising members of the Bureau of the 2015 Review Conference, to follow up inter-sessionally on the implementation of the recommendations by the Review Conference concerning Israel's prompt accession to the NPT and placement of all its nuclear facilities under IAEA full-scope safeguards, and to report to the 2020 Review Conference and its Preparatory Committee.

21. The Group is determined to continue pursuing, as a matter of high priority, the implementation of the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East and the action plan on the Middle East adopted by the 2010 NPT Review Conference. In this regard, the Group urges all States parties, in this session of the Preparatory Committee, to shoulder their responsibility to prevent further negative repercussions of not implementing the decisions and resolutions on the Middle East adopted in 1995 and 2010, including the convening of the Conference on the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East, as mandated.

22. In conclusion, the Group reaffirms once again its determination to extend fullest cooperation and to exert utmost efforts with a view to ensuring the early establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East. The Group once again underscores the importance and urgency of the universality of the NPT and reiterates that all countries not yet party to the NPT, in particular Israel, shall accede to the Treaty without any precondition and further delay and as non-nuclear-weapons States, and place all their nuclear activities under the IAEA full-scope safeguards.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.