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I have the honour of taking the floor on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement. The heads of State and Government, as well as the ministers, of the member States of the Non-Aligned Movement that are parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons have on a number of occasions underlined the importance of the implementation of the Treaty's strengthened review process. To this end, the heads of State and Government, as well as the ministers, have made a number of suggestions as to how the Preparatory Committee meetings should function so as to give effect to the letter and the spirit of the 1995 and 2000 decisions on a strengthened review process.

Yesterday a number of delegations had the opportunity to express their opinions on the organization of the next Preparatory Committee meeting. The Non-Aligned Movement is concerned regarding the lack of interaction on reports and substantive proposals made at this preparatory meeting. In this regard, the Non-Aligned Movement wishes to emphasize the need for a substantive interaction beyond the formal statements made by States parties. The issues raised at the preparatory meetings need to be addressed so as to continue strengthening the process of implementation of the Treaty and the undertakings agreed upon at the 2000 Review Conference. This will also lay the necessary foundation for the development of recommendations at the third preparatory session for the 2005 Review Conference. The functioning of this meeting cannot, therefore, be seen as a precedent for future meetings.

The Non-Aligned Movement further wishes to emphasize the necessity for the Preparatory Committee meetings and the 2005 Review Conference to work in a transparent fashion. This must be a fundamental principle of our methodology of work.

Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, we would request that the present statement be circulated as a working paper of the Preparatory Committee.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, we would like to express our appreciation to you for your chairmanship.