STATEMENT

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Mr. Chairman

As we already stated in our statement during the general debate, the recent developments in the field of nuclear weapons. Weapons of Mass Destruction and its delivery means represent an imminent danger to the survival of humanity and the most serious challenge to the integrity and credibility of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Regime, having in mind the illicit network in the nuclear technology and the great risk of access to such weapons by the terrorist groups and the Non-State actors.

Mr. Chairman

The adoption of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) was indeed a very important step forward in the fight against the proliferation of Nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and their delivery means. However, if the implementation of that important text was to succeed, international, regional and sub-regional institutions must play their role in assisting developing countries in their implementation efforts. Furthermore, the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons to move towards a global disarmament process and to discourage the new arms race.

Mr. Chairman

The cornerstone for non-proliferation is the establishment of Nuclear-Weapon Free Zone (NWFZ) especially in the Middle East, and the only path to achieving such goal is through Israel's accession to the Non-proliferation treaty and to submit fully all its....
nuclear capabilities to the comprehensive Safeguard System of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Sudan further calls on all member states to ratify the African Nuclear-Weapons Free Zone Treaty (PELINDABA) so that it can enter into force without further delay. Efforts by member states towards peaceful uses of nuclear energy should not be hindered or compromised. It goes without saying also that the institutional architecture for the maintenance of international peace and security should have as a key component the role given to regional organizations and arrangements.