STATEMENT

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Mr. Chairman,

My country's delegation utterly believes that the possession of weapons of mass destruction does not achieve security to any country in the region. However, the proliferation of these deadly weapons only increase tensions and conflicts between the peoples and countries of the region.

My country's delegation looks with extreme concern at the prevailing international situation, since the Middle East region in particular still faces security threats and risks emanating from the proliferation and use of weapons of mass destruction.

While 12 years have already elapsed since the issuance of the 1995 resolution which requires the establishment of a zone free of weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East, we find the region to be a stark example of the inability of the Convention to effectively achieve security to the states party.

The Middle East region will not accomplish its objectives of stability, security and development, as long as Israel is the only country in the region that refuses to join the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

True peace between states should be built on; compliance with the rules of international legitimacy, the fulfillment of commitments and the implementation of the international resolutions of the United Nations, the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as those issued by the review conferences of the NPT; true peace comes by keeping the region away from the arms race and the removal of all weapons of mass destruction. In this regard, we appreciate the decision taken by IAEA last September to apply international standards in the Middle East region.

We look forward to the redoubling of international efforts aiming to pressure Israel to join the NPT and to immediately dismantle its nuclear facilities or subject them to the monitoring process of the IAEA, as well as forcing all other concerned parties to halt all scientific technological and financial assistance destined for the purpose of further developing these facilities, in implementation of the overall relevant resolutions by the Security Council and the General Assembly concerning the establishment of a nuclear weapons free zone in the Middle East, since this would be an important step forward towards confidence building between all the states in the region, and the consolidation of international peace and security as well as enhancing global non-proliferation.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.