STATE OF ISRAEL

"Treaty Banning the Production of Fissile Material for Nuclear Weapons or Other Nuclear Explosive Devices" (L.35)

EOV by Israel

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Mr. Chairperson,

The inherent utility of an FMCT in addressing the current growing proliferation challenges, including the non-compliance by states with their international obligations in the nuclear domain, is far from being proven. This holds especially true for the Middle East where several states have an exceptionally poor track record of compliance with their nuclear non-proliferation obligations.

It has been Israel’s long standing position that the idea of an FMCT is subsumed in the concept of a WMDFZ in the Middle East, the essential prerequisites for which are far from been fulfilled.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.