Implementation of Article VI and paragraph 4 (c) of the 1995 Decision on “Principles and Objectives for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament”

Report submitted by Romania

1. Romania fully supports the efforts undertaken by the international community towards complete elimination of nuclear weapons as reaffirmed by the NPT Review Conference in May 2000.

2. From this perspective, NPT universality, the early entry into force of the CTBT, as well as the negotiation of the Cut-Off Treaty are in our view the main priorities to be pursued in nuclear disarmament field.

3. Romania considers the NPT the cornerstone of the international legal regime of nuclear non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament.

- Emphasising the importance of NPT universalisation, Romania welcomed the ratification of the Treaty by Cuba and calls those states not party yet to the NPT to do so.
- Romania is deeply concerned over the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) decision to withdraw from the NPT. Romania is committed to give full support and cooperation in working with other NPT parties to sustain diplomatic efforts underway aiming to encourage the DPRK to reverse its decision and to come into full compliance with the Treaty.
- In view of recent challenges of to the nuclear non-proliferation regime, Romania emphasises the necessity of strengthening the IAEA System, which plays the vital role in underpinning the NPT. In this respect, Romania ratified in 2000 the Additional
Protocol to its Safeguards Agreement concluded with IAEA and has constantly promoted this instrument.

4. We are convinced that the comprehensive ban of all nuclear tests represents a guarantee to ensure peace and international security.

- Romania has always been and remains strongly committed to the CTBT objectives. A universal and effectively verifiable ban on nuclear tests is in our view an essential component of regional and international peace and security and a decisive step towards the complete elimination of nuclear weapons.
- Therefore Romania strongly supports the early entry into force of CTBT, as an important stage in achieving nuclear disarmament. Romania joined the overall efforts to encourage signatory states to speed up the ratification process and to consider what measures consistent with the international law may be undertaken to accelerate that process and to ensure the early entry into force of the Treaty.

5. In the new environment of the current international relations, based upon the necessity to approach all together the newly appreciated threats and international terrorism in all its aspects, in particular, Romania stands ready to join the overall efforts aimed at preparing a global security strategy for preventing and combating acts of terrorism, proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and ballistic missiles.

6. Romania welcomes the decisions by the United States of America and the Russian Federation to further cut down their strategic nuclear weapons and to increase transparency in nuclear disarmament as a confidence building measure.

7. Romania considers export control as an essential contribution to ensure the objectives of non-proliferation and actively participates in the Zangger Committee and the Nuclear Suppliers Group.

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