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Cluster II

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The ZC has enjoyed the long-standing recognition by the NPT State Parties as an interpreter of its Article III, paragraph 2. I would like to stress particularly that while ZC was mentioned by NPT Conference by name and the conference gave a brief description of its aims and practices, while the Conference did not adopt a reference to it, Main Committee II agreed on language pertaining to a number of articles and proposed concerning the implementation of the Treaty in the areas of the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and safeguards. Main Committee II observed that ZC members had repeatedly to coordinate the implementation of Article III, paragraph 2, and had adopted national supply requirements and a Trigger List. It recommended that this list be reviewed and updated to take into account the advances in technology and changes in procurement practices. A recommendation that the ZC has continued to pursue. Main Committee II observed that all States to adopt the ZC's requirements for any nuclear cooperation with non-NPT States not Party to the Treaty.

This message became even more relevant for the NPT States after adoption of INSL/1540(2004) and appearance of international activities aimed at combating nuclear terrorism.

In autumn 2001, the ZC decided to launch an outreach with countries outside Main Committee. It has 3 objectives:

1. To build a strong and sustainable relationship between the ZC and third States.

2. To increase the transparency of the activities of the ZC, by explaining its purpose and functions, in particular its role as technical interpreter of Article III, paragraph 2, of the NPT.

3. To provide opportunities for open dialogue on issues of common interest, in particular on non-proliferation and nuclear export controls.

Mr. Chairman,

The Czech Republic is fully committed to the idea of non-proliferation. We are convinced that the Zangger Committee is one of the tools that can efficiently contribute in achieving those goals and objectives.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.