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Draft Recommendations to the Review Conference

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Mr. Chairman,

The European Union wishes to congratulate you for the successful results already achieved by this Preparatory Committee, in particular the adoption of the professional agenda for the 2010 Review Conference and the designation of its President.

We welcome the fact that you have tabled a set of draft recommendations to the Review Conference, thereby leasing this Preparatory Committee to work on substance. This proves that the NPT review process sis now re-unregistered and that all states parties are willing to engage in a positive dynamic.

The EU supports the fact that the draft recommendations should address all three pillars of the treaty, as well as other important issues, in particular the issue of the Middle East, the issue of withdrawal from the treaty and possible initiatives to further strengthen the review process.

The EU is currently studying your draft recommendations.

The EU continues to attach utmost importance to the balance of the pillars of the treaty and of the review process.

Mr. Chairman,

In this respect, The EU stands ready to work with you and other states parties and to share its comments in the most constructive spirit.

Thank you.