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to the United Nations
on behalf of the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to
the Treaty of the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

at the

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for the 2010 NPT Review Conference

Cluster 1 Issues

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Mr. Chairman,

I am honored to speak on the behalf of the Group of Non-Aligned States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on the "Cluster I" issues, namely, on the implementation of the Treaty related to non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, disarmament, and international peace and security.

At the outset Mr. Chairman, we would like to inform that the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the NPT, building on the working papers presented in previous preparatory meetings of this cycle, will soon submit to the third Preparatory Committee a working paper which represents its inputs to be considered by the Preparatory Committee as substantive recommendations to the 2010 Review Conference.

We invite all delegations to study them, as well as to partake in a constructive dialogue with the Group on the elements therein. That document represents a comprehensive approach regarding our views on the Treaty, and the implementation of commitments and outcomes of the 1995 Extension and Review Conference and the 2000 Review Conference. These recommendations can contribute to strengthening the review process and fully implementing the Treaty provisions.

Mr. Chairman,

The NAM States parties to the Treaty emphasize that the NPT is the key international instrument aimed at halting the vertical and horizontal proliferation of nuclear weapons and an essential foundation for the pursuit of nuclear disarmament.

The NAM States parties to the Treaty reiterates its call for the full implementation of the 1995 Review and Extension Conference and the 2000 Review Conferences of the Parties to the NPT, to achieve the goal of total elimination of existing nuclear arsenals, leading to nuclear disarmament. This set of goals and objectives should be undertaken without delay, through an accelerated process of negotiation, in accordance to Article VI as well as the implementation of the 13 practical steps, in order to advance towards a nuclear-weapon-free world as agreed by consensus at the 2000 Review Conference.
Mr. Chairman,

While we note the recent statements by Nuclear Weapon States (NWS) of their intention to pursue actions in achieving a world free of nuclear weapons, we reaffirm the need for urgent actions by the NWS to achieve these goals. These actions are needed to bolster the 13 practical steps in the field of nuclear disarmament adopted at the 2000 Review Conference. In this regard, the NAM States parties to the Treaty affirm the principles of transparency, verifiability and irreversibility by NWS in all measures relating to nuclear disarmament.

Meanwhile, measures to reduce deployments and operational status of nuclear weapons cannot take the place of irreversible cuts in, and the total elimination of, nuclear weapons.

Mr. Chairman,

NAM States Parties to the NPT is concerned about the inability of the Conference on Disarmament (CD) to resume its negotiation of a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty which would ban the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons and other explosive devices; and which would take into account nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation objectives.

Negotiations on a fissile material treaty should be conducted on the basis of the Shannon mandate; as endorsed both at the 1995 Review and Extension Conference and the 2000 Review Conference. We therefore should agree on a program of work for the CD that includes the immediate commencement and early conclusion of negotiations of a verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons and other explosive devices, taking into account both nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation objectives, with a view to its conclusion in five years.

In a broader CD context, we welcome efforts made among others by NAM Presidents of the CD to overcome the impasse in the CD. We encourage Member States of the CD to consider positively the proposal made by Algeria on 26 March 2009, in its capacity as President of the CD, within the efforts to agree on a balanced and comprehensive Program of Work for the CD.
Mr. Chairman,

We are concern about the potential for an arms race in outer space, in which the implementation of a national missile defense system could trigger an arms race and further nuclear proliferation.

Meanwhile, the development of new types of nuclear weapons and new targeting options to serve aggressive counter-proliferation purposes and the lack of progress in diminishing the role of nuclear weapons in security policies undermine disarmament commitments and work counter to the letter and spirit of the Treaty.

Mr. Chairman,

NAM States parties to the Treaty underline the unanimous conclusion of the International Court of Justice that there is an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion the negotiation leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects and under strict and effective international control.

The negotiation of a phased program for the complete elimination of nuclear weapons within a specified time frame, including a nuclear weapons convention, is ultimately necessary and should commence without delay. In this regard, the NAM States parties to the NPT reiterate its call to establish, as a matter of priority, a subsidiary body on nuclear disarmament, in Main Committee I, mandated to focus on the issue of fulfillment of the obligations under Article VI and further practical measures required to achieve progress in this regard.

Finally, the NAM States parties to the NPT reiterate its support to all NPT States Parties in working constructively with positive outcome for our deliberations.

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