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Procedures in relation to exports of nuclear materials and certain categories of equipment and material in relation to article III (2) of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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1. Co-sponsors propose to include the following language in the final document of the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons:

   (a) The Preparatory Committee notes that a number of States parties meet regularly in an informal group known as the Zangger Committee, in order to coordinate their implementation of article III (2) of the Treaty related to the supply of nuclear material and equipment. To this end, those States parties have adopted two Memorandums, A and B, including a list of items triggering International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards, for their exports to non-nuclear-weapon States not party to the Treaty, as set forth in IAEA document INFCIRC/209, as amended. The Zangger Committee Memorandums also relate to exports to non-nuclear-weapon States parties to the Treaty insofar as the recipient State should recognize the items on the trigger list as well as the procedures and criteria of article III (2) of the Treaty as a basis for its own export control decisions, including re-exports;

   (b) The Preparatory Committee endorses the importance of the guidance of the Zangger Committee for States parties in meeting their obligation under article III (2)
of the Treaty and invites all States to adopt the Memorandums of the Zangger Committee as minimal standards in connection with any nuclear cooperation;

(c) The Preparatory Committee recommends that the list of items triggering IAEA safeguards and the procedures for implementation, in accordance with article III (2) of the Treaty, be reviewed from time to time, to take into account advances in technology, proliferation sensitivity and changes in procurement practices;

(d) The Preparatory Committee urges the Zangger Committee to share its experience on export controls, so that States can draw on the arrangements in its Memorandums.