Statement of the Algerian Delegation at the Closing Plenary Session of the Seventh NPT Review Conference

New York, May 27th, 2005

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to express its appreciation to you as well as to the chairpersons of the Main Committees for the valuable work undertaken throughout the last four weeks in order to achieve the best possible outcome to our meeting.

My delegation wishes also to associate itself with the statement made by the Ambassador of Malaysia on behalf of NAM States Parties to the NPT.

Mr. President,

Algeria notes with deep regret that, given the numerous challenges and threats facing the nonproliferation Treaty and despite the efforts made by all participants, the Conference was not able to meet the expectations off all of us.

In deed, Algeria would have wished to see the Conference reaching a more substantive outcome that would have allowed us to carry an effective review process of the NPT and provided States Parties with the necessary tools and the framework to face the threats challenging the Treaty and to pursue the cause of nuclear disarmament.

It is with an open and constructive spirit and with the ambition to contribute to an outcome that would reflect our determination to pursue the objectives of the Treaty and its full implementation that my country took part to the 7th Review Conference of the NPT.

In this, we were guided by our longstanding commitment to the NPT as the cornerstone of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation as well as by achievements of the 1995 and 2000 review Conferences.

Mr. President,

As we are getting to end of this Conference, Algeria wishes to reiterate its full commitment to the Treaty and expresses its determination to spare no effort with States Parties to preserve this essential instrument and its three pillars that are nuclear disarmament, nuclear nonproliferation and peaceful use of nuclear energy.

Algeria strongly believes that the only way to preserve the authority and the credibility of the NPT is to pursue the full implementation of all its provisions and to ensure its effective universality.

We remain hopeful that States Parties will continue to show the necessary political will to allow better prospects and conditions for concrete progress in the review process of the Treaty. In this regard, we look forward to the 2010 Review Conference and its preparatory process to start in 2007.

Mr. President,

In conclusion, I would like to emphasize that nuclear weapons are and will continue to be the
most dangerous threat to all mankind; their elimination must, therefore, remain the main objective we ought to achieve.

I thank you.