STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF MALAYSIA
AT THE SUBSIDIARY BODY 2 ON "REGIONAL ISSUES, INCLUDING WITH
RESPECT TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1995
MIDDLE EAST RESOLUTION", MAIN COMMITTEE II
OF THE 2005 REVIEW CONFERENCE OF PARTIES TO THE TREATY ON
THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS (NPT)
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

Malaysia is taking the floor to address the issue of the Middle East in the light of
the implementation of the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East and the 2000
outcome of the NPT Review Conference.

Mr. Chairman,

2. Malaysia fully supports all efforts towards establishing a nuclear-weapon-
free zone in the Middle East. As such, Malaysia calls upon all parties concerned
to take urgent and practical steps towards the establishment of a zone free of
nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East, in
accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions adopted by consensus
as well as the Security Council resolution 487(1981) and paragraph 14 of the

3. Malaysia is greatly concerned over the acquisition of nuclear capability by
Israel. This development poses serious negative implications on the regional
security as well as on the integrity of the global non-proliferation regime.
4. In this regard, Malaysia urges Israel to renounce possession of nuclear weapons; to accede to the NPT without delay; to place promptly all its nuclear facilities under the IAEA full-scope safeguards; and to conduct its nuclear-related activities in conformity with the non-proliferation regime.

5. Pending the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East, Malaysia also calls for the total and complete prohibition of the transfer of all nuclear-related equipment, information, material and facilities, resources or devices and the extension of assistance in the nuclear-related scientific or technological fields to Israel.

6. Finally, Mr. Chairman, the position of the NAM States Parties on the issue of the Middle East had been underlined during Malaysia’s presentation of NAM’s Working Paper No. 19 last week. The fact that many States Parties had addressed the issue of the Middle East throughout is testimony to the crucial importance of the establishment of a Nuclear Weapon Free Zone in the Middle East to the lasting peace of the region.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.