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Summary of NGO Recommendations to the 2007 PrepCom, Vienna, 5-2-07

We support Mayors for Peace in their call for the commencement of negotiations, that would lead to a Nuclear Weapons Convention by 2010, with elimination of all nuclear weapons by 2020.

We urge states parties to the NPT to explore the legal political and technical elements required to achieve and maintain a nuclear weapons free world, using the Model Nuclear Weapons Convention, prepared by Civil Society, as a guide.

We urge all state parties to co-sponsor the Costa Rican introduction of the Model Nuclear Weapons Convention.

The US and Russia should agree on means to verify and make irreversible the SORT reductions.

We urge the United States to test the Russian proposal to reduce transparently and verifiably their mutual arsenals to 1500 weapons or less and then call all the parties to the table to begin negotiations on a treaty to eliminate nuclear weapons.

We urge the immediate cessation of all programs in the nuclear weapons states for the research, design, development and production of nuclear weapons and any new construction of infrastructure for that purpose, with provision for intrusive verification of the nuclear weapons development sites.

We urge the closure of the nuclear tests sites in Nevada and Novaya Zemlya, just as other tests sites have been closed at Lop Nor and Mauralinga with full disclosure to the public of the extent of environmental damage and potential health impacts to the nearby population.

We urge all nuclear states to stand down their nuclear forces, taking them off high alert.

Initiatives should be taken establish new nuclear weapons free zones in North East Asia, the Arctic/Nordic, and South Asia and a Weapons of Mass Destruction Free Zone in the Middle East.

We urge that if the CD is unable to initiate negotiations on an FCMT this year, then measures to kick-start negotiations should be introduced in the First Committee of the 2007 General Assembly this fall.

We urge a ban on flight-testing of missiles.

The parties to the dispute over Iran's nuclear program should engage in diplomatic negotiations and confidence building measures, not sanctions, coercion or military means to resolve the issue.

The US-India nuclear deal is inconsistent with UN Security Council Resolution 1172, June 6, 1998, referenced in the 2000 NPT final document and we urge the members of the NPT to make this finding and recommend rejection by the Nuclear Suppliers Group which should take no action until the NPT members make their recommendation.

We urge the establishment of an International Sustainable Energy Agency funded by the transfer of the approximately \$250 billion per year in subsidies for nuclear and fossil fuel, and we further urge that those subsidies should be transferred immediately to a crash program to build a universal and non-discriminatory global energy system based on clean, safe, renewable, and efficient energy sources.

We call for a global moratorium on uranium mining and milling as an urgently needed public health intervention that will also contribute to progress on disarmament and non-proliferation

We urge that the NGO oral statements become a "a permanent feature of the review process", that the process be more open to NGOs, and that NGOs be invited to address the sessions, including Committees, subsidiary bodies and cluster sessions.

We urge the members to establish a stronger NPT institutional capacity by establishing a Secretariat and an Executive Council.