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**Note verbale dated 27 April 2007 from the Permanent Mission of
Cuba, Chair of the Vienna Chapter of the Non-Aligned Movement**

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cuba to the International Organizations in Vienna, in its capacity as Chair of the Vienna Chapter of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, presents its compliments to the secretariat of the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and has the honour to transmit herewith a letter from the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries in New York addressed to Mr. Yukiya Amano, Chairman-designate of the session (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cuba to the International Organizations in Vienna recalls that it previously transmitted this document to Mr. Yukiya Amano on 10 April 2007, with a request that it be circulated as a document of the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.



**Annex to the note verbale dated 27 April 2007 from the
Permanent Mission of Cuba, Chair of the Vienna Chapter of
the Non-Aligned Movement**

First and foremost, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), let me express to you our high appreciation for your quick response to our request and the fruitful discussion you had with the Non-Aligned Working Group on Disarmament regarding the preparation of the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the NPT, to be held in Vienna from 30 April to 11 May 2007.

I am enclosing herewith for your consideration a copy of the letter sent by the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT, to the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations, in his capacity as representative of one of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Depositary Governments, stressing the importance that the Notice of the Depositary Governments on the Procedures for the NPT Review Conference should reflect the full mandates entrusted by the States Parties to the Preparatory Committee.

For a better understanding, I am also including a copy of the Notice sent by the Government of the United Kingdom to all States Parties to the NPT.

I shall be grateful if you would have the present letter and its attachments be issued as an official document of the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the NPT.

(Signed) Ileana Núñez Murdoche

Ambassador

Charge D'Affaires

Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations

Acting Chair of the Coordinating Bureau

of the Non-Aligned Movement

Enclosures

[Original
in English]

I have the honour to write to you on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).

The NAM States Parties to the NPT have considered the Note Verbatim of the NAM States Parties to the NPT, dated 21 February 2007, transmitted by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on 21 February 2007 transmitting the Notice by the NPT Depository Governments on the Procedures for the Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference, in performance of their Depository duties under the Treaty.

Recalling the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty On The Non-Proliferation Of Nuclear Weapons contained in NPT/CONF.2000/28, and further recalling the notice advanced by the Russian Federation in 2001 on behalf of the NPT Depository Governments on the Procedures for the NPT Review Conference (copy attached), the NAM States Parties to the NPT reiterate their commitment to the consensus reached at the 2000 Review Conference on improving the effectiveness of the strengthened review process of the Treaty, including the stipulation that:

"The States parties, recalling paragraph 4 of Decision 1 of the Final Document of the Review and Extension Conference, agreed that the purpose of the first two sessions of the Preparatory Committee would be to "consider principles, objectives and tasks in order to promote the full implementation of the Treaty, as well as its implementation. To this end, each session of the Preparatory Committee should consider the matters of substance relating to the implementation of the Treaty and Decisions 1 and 2, as well as the resolution on the Middle East adopted in 1995, and the outcomes of subsequent Review Conferences, including developments affecting the operation and purpose of the Treaty."

The NAM States Parties to the NPT stress the importance that the Notice by the Depository Governments on the Procedures for the NPT Review Conference, in performance of their Depository duties under the Treaty, should reflect the full mandates entrusted by the States Parties to the Preparatory Committee, as contained in the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference as well as the Notice advanced by the Russian Federation in 2001 on behalf of the Depository Governments on the Procedures for the Review Conference.

The NAM States Parties to the NPT, while reaffirming the package of agreements of the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the NPT and the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference of the NPT, express their disappointment at the inability of the 2005 Review Conference of the NPT to agree on substantive recommendations. They reiterate their call for the firm commitment by all States Parties to the Treaty to the implementation of all provisions of the Treaty and call for the full implementation of the 13 practical steps for systematic and progressive efforts to implement Article VI of the Treaty, particularly an unequivocal undertaking by the Nuclear Weapon States to accomplish the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals leading to nuclear disarmament.

The NAM States parties to the NPT underline the importance of the subsidiary bodies to the relevant Main Committees of the 2010 Review and Extension Conference of the NPT to deliberate on practical steps for systematic and progressive implementation of the NPT to eliminate nuclear weapons; to consider and recommend proposals for the implementation of the Resolution on the Middle East adopted by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the NPT; and to consider security assurance arrangements. In this regard they emphasize the need for the Preparatory Committee meetings to continue to allocate specific time for deliberations on nuclear disarmament, implementation of the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East and security assurances.

(Signed) Rodrigo Malmierca Díaz

(Signature)

Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations
Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement

(Original in
[21] French)

Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs presents her compliments to Their Excellencies, Messieurs and Madames, the Heads of Diplomatic Missions of States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons done at Washington, London and Moscow on 1 July 1968.

In performance of the Depositary duties of the Governments of the United Kingdom, Russia and the United States of America under the Treaty, the Secretary of State has the honour to transmit the attached Notice by the Depositaries to the Heads of Diplomatic Missions and would be grateful if they would forward the information to their Governments.

(Signed) Margaret Beckett
Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary

[21 February 2010]

Notice by the Depositary Governments on the Procedures for the Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference

The Depositaries to the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (the NPT) note that Paragraph 3 of Article VIII of the Treaty states that: "From 1975, after the entry into force of this Treaty, a conference of Parties to the Treaty shall be held in Geneva, Switzerland, in order to review the operation of the Treaty with a view to assuring that the purposes of the Preamble and provisions of the Treaty are being realised. At intervals of five years thereafter, a majority of the Parties to the Treaty may obtain, by submitting a proposal to this effect to the Depositary Governments, the convening of further conferences with the same objective of reviewing the operation of the treaty".

The Depositaries also note that Paragraph 2, Decision I "Strengthening the Review Process for the Treaty", taken at the 1995 NPT Review and Extension Conference, says that the Review Conferences should continue to be held every five years.

In order to inform States Party to the Treaty of past procedure, the Depositaries note that:

In 1996, the outgoing Chair of the 1995 NPT Review and Extension Conference, Sri Lanka, circulated a draft UNGA resolution which asked the UN Secretary-General to provide assistance necessary for the holding of the 2000 NPT Review Conference and its Preparatory Committees. The draft resolution was discussed at a caucus of NPT parties held in the margins of UNGA 51. This caucus meeting finalised the draft resolution and it was adopted at that UNGA (A/RES/51/45A). The caucus also made a decision on the timing and venue of the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee.

In 2001, the outgoing Chair of the 2000 NPT Review Conference, Algeria, similarly circulated a draft UNGA resolution asking the UN Secretary-General to provide the assistance necessary for holding the 2005 NPT Review Conference and its Preparatory Committees. The draft resolution was discussed and finalised at a caucus of NPT parties held in the margins of UNGA 56. It was adopted at that UNGA (A/RES/56/24).

In 2006, the outgoing Chair of the 2005 NPT Review Conference, Brazil, followed a similar procedure. The finalised draft resolution was adopted at UNGA 61 (A/RES/61/7).

The Depositaries note that during previous review cycles, a representative of the Western Group chaired the first session of the Preparatory Committee, the Eastern Group chaired the second session of the Preparatory Committee and the Non-Aligned Movement chaired the third session of the Preparatory Committee and provided the President of the Review Conference. During the last cycle, this rotation was agreed at the first session of the Preparatory Committee, as were the dates and venues for subsequent meetings. NPT States Parties may wish to begin informal consultations on such matters for the forthcoming review cycle.

The Depositaries further note that the Final Document adopted at the 2005 NPT Review Conference included a section entitled "Improving the Effectiveness of the

Strengthened Review Process for the Treaty". Among the conclusions in the report regarding the Preparatory Committee meetings are the following:

- a. The States parties stressed that three sessions of the Preparatory Committee, normally for a duration of 10 working days each, should be held in the year prior to the Review Conference. A fourth session, would, if necessary, be held in the year of the Review Conference.
- b. The States parties, recalling paragraph 4 of Decision I of the 2005 Review and Extension Conference, agreed that the purpose of the preparatory sessions of the Preparatory Committee would be to "consider in detail the objectives and ways in order to promote the full implementation of the Treaty, as well as its universality".
- c. The consideration of the issues at each session of the Preparatory Committee should be factually summarised and its results transmitted in a report to the next session for further discussion. At its third and, as appropriate, fourth sessions, the Preparatory Committee, taking into account the deliberations and results of its previous sessions, should make every effort to produce a consensus report containing recommendations to the Review Conference.