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FINAL DECLARATION

THE STATES PARTY TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WHICH MET IN NEW YORK FROM 3 MAY TO 28 MAY 2010 TO REVIEW THE OPERATION OF THE TREATY,

Iterating, for the first time, their collective commitment to commence negotiations now on a nuclear weapons convention, backed by a strong system of verification, as proposed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in his five-point plan on nuclear disarmament,

Seeking to achieve the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons as a near-term goal, not a far-off vision,

Recognizing that a nuclear weapons convention is essential to international peace and security, and to the achievement of nuclear disarmament and of general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control,

Acknowledging that the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945 were crimes against humanity, and that nuclear testing and uranium mining have had a catastrophic impact,

Reaffirming that universal adherence to a nuclear weapons convention would greatly strengthen international peace and security,

Firmly convinced of the importance of maintaining forever a world without nuclear weapons,

Reaffirming the fundamental importance of full compliance with article VI of the Treaty, which requires all States to negotiate nuclear disarmament, including by means of a nuclear weapons convention,

Determined to advance global nuclear disarmament, to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons, to promote renewable energy sources, and to redirect nuclear weapons expenditure towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals,

Recognizing the vital role of the International Renewable Energy Agency in ensuring a sustainable future,

Underscoring their determination to transform the rhetorical vision of a world without nuclear weapons into a reality without further delay,

Thanking civil society for their useful contributions to the debate,

Solemnly declare as follows:

