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Conference of States parties and signatories to treaties by which nuclear-weapon-free zones have been established

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the right of any group of States to conclude regional treaties in order to assure the total absence of nuclear weapons in their respective territories, under article VII of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,¹

Convinced that the international community must continue to promote the creation of nuclear-weapon-free zones around the world, in an effort to achieve general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control, with the utmost priority of strengthening regional peace and security and, thereby, international peace and security,

Recognizing the important contribution of the treaties of Tlatelolco,² Rarotonga,³ Bangkok⁴ and Pelindaba⁵ for the achievement of the objectives of nuclear non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament,

Recognizing also the declaration by Mongolia of its nuclear-weapon-free status.

Taking note of paragraph 80 of the Final Declaration of the Thirteenth Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Non-Aligned Countries, held at Kuala Lumpur from 20 to 25 February 2003, which supported the initiative of convening an international conference of the States parties and signatories to the treaties of Tlatelolco, Rarotonga, Bangkok and Pelindaba to discuss and implement

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 729, No. 10485.

² *Ibid.*, vol. 634, No. 9068.

³ See *The United Nations Disarmament Yearbook*, vol. 10: 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.IX.7), appendix VII.

⁴ Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone.

⁵ A/50/426, annex.



further ways and means of cooperation among themselves, their treaty agencies and other interested States, at an appropriate time,

Recalling its resolutions 55/33 I of 20 November 2000, 56/24 G of 29 November 2001 and 57/73 of 22 November 2002, in which it considered that an international conference of States parties and signatories to the nuclear-weapon-free zone treaties might be held to support the common goals envisaged in those treaties,

1. *Decides* to hold, before the 2005 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, a conference of States parties and signatories to treaties by which nuclear-weapon-free zones have been established;

2. *Takes note* that the objective of the conference will be to consider ways and means to enhance consultations and cooperation among States parties and signatories, the treaty agencies and other interested States, with the purpose of promoting coordination and convergence in the implementation of the provisions of the treaties and of strengthening the regime of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons;

3. *Further decides* to establish a preparatory committee, open to the participation of all States parties and signatories to treaties and instruments by which nuclear-weapon-free zones have been established, which will hold two sessions, the first to be in New York during the second quarter of 2004;

4. *Requests* the preparatory committee to decide on the date and venue of the conference, and to make recommendations on all relevant matters, including the draft agenda, draft rules of procedure, the modalities of participation of States parties to the protocols to the nuclear-weapon-free zone treaties and other interested States, as well as of non-governmental organizations, and a draft final document, and to decide on background documents to be made available in advance;

5. *Decides* that the first session of the preparatory committee should have a duration of two working days and the second session a duration of three working days, and that the conference should have a duration of three working days;

6. *Requests* the preparatory committee to undertake informal intersessional consultations, as required, to ensure an appropriate preparation of the conference;

7. *Urges* the States parties and signatories to treaties that have established nuclear-weapon-free zones to develop activities of cooperation and coordination in order to promote their common objectives in the framework of the conference;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to assist and provide the necessary services for the conference of States parties and signatories to treaties by which nuclear-weapon-free zones have been established.