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at

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry Into Force of  
The Comprehensive Nuclear — Test — Ban Treaty

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Mr. President

Allow me to extend my congratulations on your election as President to the Conference, and to welcome Ambassador Tibor Toth, Executive Secretary of the Provisional Technical Secretariat, and express our appreciation to Ambassador Wolfgang Hoffman.

My delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of The Non-Aligned Movement by H.E. The Foreign Minister of Malaysia.

Egypt is firm in its commitment to the principles of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, and is relentless in its efforts towards achieving these objectives regionally and internationally. In this regard Egypt supports the objectives of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty including the achievement of a comprehensive ban on all nuclear test explosions and a halt on the development of nuclear weapons.

The failure to reach an agreement on disarmament and non-proliferation during the negotiations on the outcome document of the General Assembly's High Level Meeting, following the failure of the Review Conference of the Non-Proliferation Treaty earlier this year, is a clear indication of the serious impasse facing the nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime at this time.

To restore confidence in the regime we should all unequivocally recommit to the mutually reinforcing objectives and principles of nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation and the right to peaceful use of nuclear energy, as well as to achieving its objectives through universal adherence to all its treaties and the balanced and full implementation of its commitments.

Mr. President

Concerted International Efforts towards achieving our common objectives for the complete elimination of nuclear weapons, nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, rests on the regional realization of these objectives should concentrate equally on the regional and the international levels.

In this regard, the international community is required to intensify collective efforts for the establishment of a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone in the Middle East, as one of the main components of the lasting and comprehensive peace in the region. The relevant United Nations General Assembly resolutions, the consensus Resolution on the Middle East adopted by the 1995 NPT Review and Extension Conference, and the consensus outcome of the 2000 review conference of the NPT all reaffirm the importance of Israel's accession to the Non-Proliferation Treaty and the placement of all its nuclear facilities under Comprehensive IAEA safeguards.

Thus while Egypt supports the principles and objectives of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test ban Treaty CTBT, we cannot regard the treaty as a secluded legal instrument apart from our common objectives to achieve nuclear disarmament and the universality of non-proliferation. Hence Egypt calls for the achievement of the universality of Both the NPT and the CTBT together , as well as for the mutual and balanced implementation of the commitments of other states party.

Thank you.