The Preparatory Committee for the 2005 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) had decided that the 2005 NPT Review Conference will take place in New York from 2 to 27 May 2005.

The Review Conference envisages holding its general debate from 2 (afternoon) to 6 May and from 10 to 11 (morning) May 2005. The list of speakers for the general debate will be open as of 9:00am, 14 March 2005, in the Secretariat of the Review Conference, Department for Disarmament Affairs, (Bertha Mae Ortiz, Room S-3140, tel: (212) 963-0846, fax: (212) 963-8892).

Given that a large number of States parties are expected to take part in the general debate, it would be highly desirable that statements be of limited duration, not exceeding a maximum of 10 minutes, so as to allow the general debate to be completed within the time-frame envisaged for this purpose.

Rule 2 of the draft rules of procedure to be adopted by the Conference stipulates that the credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference, if possible not less than one week before the date fixed for the opening of the Conference. Credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. In this connection, States parties are kindly requested to submit their credentials to the Provisional Secretary-General of the Conference, Mr. Jerzy Zaleski, Room S-3140, United Nations, New York.

Reference is made to the accreditation of members of delegations who are not already accredited to the United Nations in New York. It is kindly requested that the Permanent Missions of delegates under this category address their requests for identification badges to Ms. Aminata S. Djermakoye, Chief of Protocol, Protocol and Liaison Service, Executive Office of the Secretary-General, United Nations, Room S-0201A, New York, fax: (212) 963-1921, not later than 48 hours prior to the opening of the Conference. Prior to having access to United Nations Headquarters, those delegates will be required to go to the United Nations Pass and Identification Unit (UNITAR Building, East 45th Street and First Avenue, ground floor, tel: (212) 963-7533), for their photo identification badges to be issued.