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REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

The Tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

New York. The 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will meet at the United Nations in New York from 27 April to 22 May 2020. Ambassador Gustavo Zlauvinen (Argentina) has been nominated to the post of President of the Review Conference.

Article VIII, paragraph 3 of the NPT provides for a review of the operation of the Treaty every five years. States parties reaffirmed and strengthened the implementation of this provision at the 1995 NPT Review and Extension Conference and at the 2000 NPT Review Conference.

At the 2020 NPT Review Conference, States parties will evaluate the implementation of the Treaty's provisions since 2015, and identify the areas and means through which further progress can be made, while noting that the 2015 Review Conference was not able to reach agreement on the substantive part of the Final Document.

The NPT is a landmark international treaty whose objective is to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and weapons technology, to promote co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and to further the goals of achieving nuclear disarmament and general and complete disarmament. The NPT represents the only binding commitment in a multilateral treaty to the goal of nuclear disarmament by the nuclear-weapon States. Opened for signature in 1968, the Treaty entered into force in 1970. The NPT has demonstrated its effectiveness as the cornerstone of the global nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime.

191 States have joined the NPT, including five nuclear-weapon States, making the Treaty the most widely adhered to multilateral disarmament agreement.

The 2020 NPT Review Conference is expected to consider a number of issues: universality of the Treaty; nuclear disarmament, including specific practical measures; nuclear non-proliferation, including the promoting and strengthening of safeguards; measures to advance the peaceful use of nuclear energy, safety and security; regional disarmament and non-proliferation; implementation of the 1995 resolution on the Middle East; measures to address withdrawal from the Treaty; measures to further strengthen the review process; ways to promote engagement with civil society in strengthening NPT norms and in promoting disarmament education; and gender and representation.

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