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Application of IAEA safeguards in the Middle East

Draft resolution submitted by the Russian Federation

The General Conference,

- (a) Affirming that the proliferation of nuclear and all other weapons of mass destruction constitutes a threat to international peace and security,
 - (b) Endorsing the goal of the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at by the States of the region,
 - (c) Noting that the holding of a Conference that is to be held in Helsinki in December 2012, to be attended by all States of the Middle East, on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery will contribute to the fulfilment of this objective,
 - (d) Welcoming initiatives and efforts aimed at supporting a successful outcome of such a Conference in 2012, and
 - (e) Emphasizing the significant role of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-test-Ban Treaty Organization, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the Implementation Support Unit of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention in the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery,
1. Expresses its support for the Conference on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery, to be attended by all States of the Middle East, and with the full support and engagement of the nuclear-weapon States, to be convened by the United Nations Secretary-General together with the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America in consultation with the States of the region;
 2. Calls upon all participants to attend the Conference to engage constructively and in a depoliticized and mutually respectful manner in discussions concerning the prospects of and possible

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further steps towards establishing a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery; and

3. Commends the Facilitator of the 2012 Middle East Conference, the Finnish Undersecretary of State Jaakko Laajava, and the Government of Finland for their tireless efforts in preparing and hosting the Conference.