

Possible Elements of the Final Document

We, ..., gathered at the Conference on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of weapons on mass destruction and their means of delivery held in Helsinki on ..., to promote a process for moving towards the establishment of such a zone on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at by the States of the region and

- a) Affirming that the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction constitutes a threat to international peace and security;
- b) Emphasizing the significant role of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Organization on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and Implementation Support Unit of the Biological and Toxic 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;
- c) Commending the Facilitator of the 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;
- d) Expressing our will to engage constructively and in a businesslike and mutually respectful manner in further discussions concerning the prospects of and possible further steps towards establishing a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery,

Have agreed to:

1. Establish three Working Groups with a mandate to identify elements for negotiating further relevant steps aimed at contributing to the establishment of a Middle East zone free of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery, which will engage respectively and without prejudice to other issues that parties may raise in the course of the Groups' deliberations in addressing the following issues:

- Properties of the Zone, including its scope of prohibition and coverage;
- Verification Mechanisms and Compliance Issues;
- Regional Security, Conventional Weapons and Confidence Building Measures aimed, inter alia at facilitating favorable environment for establishing the Middle East zone free of weapons on mass destruction and their means of delivery,

2. Invite the United Nations and its Secretary General, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit and other relevant international organizations to support the Working Groups at their request in a consultative manner and render the Working Groups all necessary assistance, including through the provision of background documentation,

3. Requests the Facilitator to convene, upon consultations with the States of the region, the meetings of the Working Groups and render it all necessary assistance, and to prepare a report on the basis of the Groups' deliberations containing proposals for further steps no later than by the end of [2014],

4. Decides to convene a follow-on conference [in the year...] to consider the report of the Facilitator and further steps toward the establishment of a zone free of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems in the Middle East.