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1. The Middle East issue should be resolved in a spirit of reconciliation. The United Nations, and the Security Council in particular, should be supported in playing an active role in resolving this issue. All the parties concerned should conscientiously implement the agreements and common understanding reached on the basis of the relevant United Nations resolutions and the principle of “land for peace”.
2. The initiatives and efforts of countries in the region to establish a zone free of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East should be actively supported. Practical measures must be taken to promote the establishment of a zone free of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction in the region of the Middle East, in accordance with relevant provisions of the resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly and the resolution on the Middle East adopted at the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.
3. Israel’s accession to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and the placement of all its nuclear facilities under comprehensive International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards are measures of vital importance in attaining the goal of universal adherence to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in the Middle East.

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