

# 2005 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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## Nuclear Issues in the Middle East

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The Chinese Delegation hereby requests that the following elements be incorporated in the report of Main Committee II and the Final Document of the Review Conference.

1. Regional security and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD), including nuclear weapons, are closely interrelated. Therefore, all the parties concerned should make further efforts to promote the peace process in the Middle East in a spirit of reconciliation, in order to enhance substantively the peace and stability in the region. Supports should be given to the United Nations, in particular the Security Council, in playing a more active role in Middle East peace process. The parties concerned should seize the favorable opportunities to pursue a final proper solution to the Middle East questions on the basis of relevant resolutions of the United Nations (UN) and the principle of "land for peace".
2. The proposals of and efforts by Middle East countries to establish a zone free of nuclear weapons and other WMDs in the Middle East should be supported. Concrete efforts should be made to promote the establishment of such a zone in accordance with the UN General Assembly resolutions, the Resolution on the Middle East adopted at the 1995 NPT Review Conference, and relevant provisions of the Final Document of the 2000 NPT Review Conference.
3. The Iranian nuclear issue should be resolved reasonably through dialogue within the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Iran should be encouraged to continue its comprehensive cooperation with the IAEA in order to solve all the outstanding issues properly. Supports should be given to Iran and the three European Union countries, supported by the High Representative, in their negotiations on a long-term solution. The resolves of Iran and EU to handle this issue through negotiations are appreciated. We hope that the negotiations will have concrete results at an early date.
4. Libya's abandonment of its WMD programmes and acceptance of IAEA inspections is a remarkable achievement of international efforts in preventing the proliferation of nuclear weapons through peaceful means. Libya's decision is of

great significance to consolidating and strengthening the international nuclear non-proliferation regime.

5. Israel should access to the NPT as a non-nuclear-weapon state and place all its nuclear facilities under IAEA safeguards without delay. The states concerned in this region should sign and ratify Comprehensive Safeguard Agreement with IAEA and the additional protocol. All these measures are essential for strengthening the international non-proliferation regime and establishing a zone free of nuclear weapons or other WMDs in the Middle East.

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