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The Chinese delegation requests that the following elements be included 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, including nuclear weapons, are closely interrelated. All parties concerned should make further efforts to promote the peace process in the Middle East in a spirit of reconciliation and cooperation, in order to enhance the peace and stability in the region.
2. China maintains that concrete efforts should be made to advance the process of establishing a zone free of nuclear weapons as well as other weapons of mass destruction in accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions, the resolution on the Middle East adopted at the 1995 Review and Extension Conference and relevant provisions of the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference. Great importance should be attached to relevant proposals by the countries in the Middle East to implement the resolution on the Middle East adopted at the 1995 Review and Extension Conference at an early date.
3. Israel should accede to the Non-Proliferation Treaty as a non-nuclear-weapon State and place all its nuclear facilities under the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards without delay. The States concerned in this region should sign and ratify Comprehensive Safeguards Agreements with IAEA and be encouraged to sign and ratify the Additional Protocol. All these measures are essential for strengthening the international non-proliferation regime and promoting the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons as well as other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East.
4. Parties concerned should pursue peaceful solution to the Iranian nuclear issue through diplomatic negotiations. Political and diplomatic efforts should be intensified to seek a long-term, comprehensive and appropriate solution.

