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Non-Paper

This non-paper is prepared to facilitate efforts to convene the postponed 2012 "Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction." Discussions in consultations convened by the Facilitator in October reflected an urgent need to restore the focus on the mandate adopted at the 2010 NPT Conference and to remain consistent with the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East. This will require important procedural and substantive considerations to be taken into account:

1) Title of the Conference: In order to abide by the mandate of the 2010 NPT Review Conference outcome, the title included in the Final Document of the Review Conference, as negotiated and adopted, is to be respected.

2) Date of the Conference: The Conference is to be convened, as soon as possible, before the 3rd PrepCom Session of the 2015 NPT Review Conference convenes in spring 2014.

3) Rules of Procedure of the Conference: The Conference, as well as the regional negotiation process it is expected to inaugurate, will operate on the basis of Consensus.

4) The Agenda of the Conference: The Conference agenda will derive its items from the text of the 2010 Review Conference mandate.

5) Confidence-Building Measures and Framework:

a. CBMs to be considered have to relate to WMDs in view to the implementation of the Conference mandate.

b. Among the Key unilateral CBMs, is the initial confirmation of regional States of the objective of the creation of a WMD-free zone in the Middle East and their preparedness, as relevant, to join the NPT, CWC, BWC.

c. Maintaining a two-fold track of "implementation" of the 2010 mandate and the "negotiations" of further details as related to the establishment of the zone. Accordingly, an effort is to be initiated, as early as possible, to draft in advance, the outcome to be adopted at the Conference.
