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## Statement of

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Main Committee II, Subsidiary body

"Regional issues, including with respect to the Middle East and implementation of the 1995 Middle East Resolution"

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

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## Madame Chair,

I have the honor to take the floor to speak in my national capacity, and to start by congratulating you for the assumption of the Chair of this important subsidiary body. My delegation pledges full support to your activities leading us to successful conclusions. I associate my remarks with the remarks made on behalf of NAM and the Arab group.

For the interest of time and keeping more space for our discussions, let me proceed straight ahead to the elements Egypt would like to see reflected in the final document of this Conference. These elements are presented in more details in the working paper submitted to this review conference by Egypt on the implementation of the 1995 resolution on the Middle East (NPT/CONF.2010/WP14), as well as in the other working papers that Egypt submitted during this review cycle (NPT/CONF.2010/PC.I/WP.13, NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.20 and NPT/CONF.2010/PC.III/WP.20).

## The proposed paragraphs for inclusion are:

the 1-The reconfirms Conference unequivocal commitment to the implementation of the resolution on the Middle East adopted by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference. The States parties hereby renew their resolve to undertake, individually and collectively, measures aimed all necessary at the implementation of the resolution, including

accession by Israel to the Treaty as soon as possible as a non-nuclear-weapon State and the placement of all its nuclear facilities under the full scope of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards, as well as the establishment of the nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East;

- 2- The Conference reaffirms the importance of the early realization of Universal adherence to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;
- the Conference stresses the importance of strict 3adherence by all States parties to their obligations and commitments under the Treaty in all three pillars, nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation and peaceful uses of nuclear energy, and reaffirms that any supply arrangements for the transfer of source or special fissionable material or equipment or material especially designed or prepared for the processing, use or production of special fissionable material to Israel should require, as a necessary precondition, Israel's accession to the Treaty as a Non-Nuclear-Weapon State and the placement of all its nuclear facilities under comprehensive IAEA safeguards. The Conference stresses that the transfer of nuclear-related equipment, information, material and facilities, resources or devices is not consistent with the obligations of States parties under the Treaty and the indefinite extension package

- constitutes a material breach of the Treaty. The Conference further stresses the need to respect the letter and spirit of the Treaty with respect to technical cooperation with States not party to the Treaty;
- 4- The Conference decides to convene, by 2011, an international conference to launch negotiations, with the participation of all States of the Middle East, on an internationally and effectively verifiable treaty for the establishment of a nuclear weapon- free zone in the Middle East;
- 5- The Conference further requests the IAEA to prepare background documentation for the above-mentioned conference regarding the modalities for verification of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East, based upon the work previously undertaken by the Agency relating to the establishment of the zone and the implementation of similar international agreements establishing nuclear weapon- free zones in other regions;
- 6- The Conference requests States parties to disclose in their national reports on the implementation of the resolution on the Middle East all information available to them on the nature and scope of Israeli nuclear facilities and activities, including information pertaining to previous nuclear transfers to Israel;

The Conference decides to establish a standing 7committee to follow up, in the inter-sessional period, progress achieved in the implementation resolution on the Middle East and to conduct consultations with States of the region in that regard, as well as to undertake necessary preparations for the convening of the international conference on the establishment of the nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East. The standing committee will be composed of the chair of the Conference, the three depository States that sponsored the 1995 resolution, the chairs of the three main committees of the 2010 Review Conference and the chairs of the negotiating groups (Non-Aligned Movement, Western European and Other States Group and the Eastern European Group).

Thank You Madame Chair.