



League of Arab States  
The Secretary General

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011

Excellency,

It gives me great pleasure to write to you, in follow-up to your letter dated the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2011, regarding your efforts towards the implementation of the practical steps adopted by the 2010 NPT Review Conference, concerning the establishment of a WMDFZ in the Middle East.

I would like to inform that the Council of the League of Arab States, at the Level of Foreign Ministers, held an extraordinary session on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2011 and discussed issues relevant to nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation in the Middle East with a particular focus on the developments that took place since the 2010 NPT Review Conference. The Council adopted Resolution (7362), in which the Ministers expressed deep concern over the lack of momentum since the adoption of the Final Document of the 2010 NPT Review Conference almost one year ago.

The Resolution stressed that the delay by the international parties concerned in upholding their responsibilities does not represent only a setback to the overall objective of establishing a world free of nuclear weapons, but also an obstacle to non-proliferation efforts in the Middle East, and would lead to the collapse of the nonproliferation regime. They also affirmed that this lack of progress will make the non-proliferation regime irrelevant in terms of providing security to the Member States of the Arab League and therefore, would lead to a review of the policies adopted so far by the Member States in this regard.

The Council has requested me to write to Your Excellency, and to the three States that co-sponsored the 1995 Middle East Resolution, to convey the content of their resolution and to express our concern in this regard, stressing the urgency to fulfill the obligations stated in the final document in the 2010 Review Conference, particularly the steps needed to hold an international conference in 2012 on the WMDFZ in the Middle East with special emphasis on the need to appoint a "Facilitator" for the conference without further delay.

In view of the seriousness of the situation, I hope that Your Excellency would inform me of the state of implementation of the steps adopted by the 2010 NPT Review Conference last year.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

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