



## **Republic of Yemen**

**Statement to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Working Committee Meeting  
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Dear Ambassador Tariq Al-Bannai, Permanent Representative of the State of Kuwait and President of the second session of the Conference,

1. At the outset, I would like to thank you for convening the third meeting of the Working committee and for generously hosting this meeting in this beautiful place. I congratulate you and the sisterly State of Kuwait on your diplomatic leadership and wisdom in steering our work, which led to the success of the second session of the conference, the adoption of the rules of procedure of the conference and the establishment of the working committee, which is holding its third meeting today. We would like to also express our appreciation to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for its successful presidency of the first session of the conference, and I can't forget to thank the secretariat for its tireless efforts and for the arrangement of this meeting.
2. The informal nature of this committee's consultations provides the appropriate atmosphere to freely discuss the two important topics on our agenda, the legal aspects of the future treaty to establish the Free Zone in the Middle East and Verification in relation to nuclear weapons. We look forward to engaging actively in these discussions, taking advantage of the rich expertise the esteemed participating experts will bring into our consultations during these three days. It is our expectation that the outcome of the meeting will bring us a step forward in laying the foundations for the shape of this future treaty. These

consultations will also pave the way for our discussions in the third session of the conference at the end of this year, to be chaired by Lebanon.

Mr. Chair,

3. Yemen reaffirms that the convening of the Middle East Conference in accordance with GA Decision No. 73/546 is an important matter for the countries of the region in order to establish a zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East, and it is not a substitute for the decision of 1995 on the Middle East, which emphasized the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East, but rather a complementary one, especially after the failure of the review conference, last month, to adopt a final document which, in turn, resulted in the failure of the review conference for the second time in a row.
4. It is imperative that all countries of the Middle East region, in particular Israel, and the depository states participate in this conference. We stress, in this context, the importance of this participation to be in good faith and without any preconditions.
5. Finally, Mr. Chair, we look forward to the success of this meeting and to a positive outcome, which will certainly be the basis for our discussions in the upcoming sessions of the conference.

Thank you!