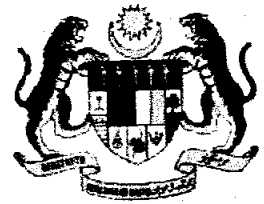


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Mr. President,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) State Signatories and Ratifiers to the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT).

2. Let me first of all congratulate you on your election to preside over this Conference. I am confident that with your able leadership, skill and guidance, the Conference will reach a fruitful conclusion. You can be assured that NAM will give its full support and cooperation in facilitating your task as President.

3. I would also like to thank Ambassador Thomas Stelzer, Permanent Representative of Austria in Vienna and Ambassador Ana Teresa Dengo, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica in Vienna for conducting the informal consultations on the draft Final Declaration of the Conference. Our appreciation also goes to the Secretariat for preparing the necessary documents. I also wish to take this opportunity, on behalf of NAM State Signatories and Ratifiers, in expressing our appreciation for the efforts undertaken by Ambassador Jaap Ramaker, Special Representative to promote the entry into force of the Treaty.

4. The Movement has taken several principled positions on the issues of disarmament and international security during the 14th NAM Summit in Havana, Cuba in September 2006. In this regard, it is pertinent for me to highlight that NAM expressed its strong concern at the growing resort to unilateralism and in this context, underlined that multilateralism and multilaterally agreed solutions, in accordance with the UN Charter, provided the only sustainable method of addressing disarmament and international security issues.

5. In the context of the CTBT, NAM would like to reiterate its long-standing and principled position for the total elimination of all nuclear testing. In this regard, NAM supports the objectives of the Treaty, which is intended to enforce a comprehensive ban on all nuclear test explosions, to stop the qualitative development of nuclear weapons that would pave the way towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons. NAM also wishes to stress that the significance of achieving universal adherence to the CTBT, including by the five nuclear-weapon States would, inter alia, contribute towards the process of nuclear disarmament and therefore towards the enhancement of international peace and