

**Statement by United Arab Emirates**

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Mr. Chairman,

I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as the chairman for this committee. I assure you my delegation's full support and cooperation.

The Non-proliferation pillar of the treaty, and in particular the IAEA safeguards system has been challenged in the past and continue, in some cases, to fail to provide the required assurance on the exclusive peaceful nature of nuclear activities in some states.

States developing nuclear energy for peaceful uses should fully adhere to comprehensive safeguards obligations; fully cooperate with the IAEA; and take required steps to fully address all international concerns and obligations including those of relevant IAEA and UNSC resolutions.

The Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement is designed to provide a credible assurance of the peaceful nature of all declared activities. However without bringing into force an Additional Protocol, the issue of possible undeclared activities is not addressed. Therefore it is essential to enhance the assertions provided by the Safeguards Agreement through utilizing the tools supplied by the Additional Protocol.

We welcome the increase in number of states that have brought into force an AP, a substantive progress since 2010 NPT RevCon. My delegation urges all states that have not yet concluded an AP with the IAEA to do so as soon as possible.

Mr. Chairman,

Given the importance of non-proliferation pillar to the objective of the treaty, it is imperative that the NPT review conference addresses non-proliferation challenges, including non-compliance issues.

It is concerning that the IAEA , After years of efforts, has not been able to report substantive progress in addressing outstanding issues in relation to Iran's nuclear programme , including those related to the possible military dimension .

The international community has stressed that it is essential for Iran and the IAEA to intensify their dialogue aiming at the urgent resolution of all outstanding issues concerning its nuclear program and to exclude the existence of a possible military dimension. This was affirmed by multiple resolutions of the IAEA Board of Governors and UN Security Council, which called on Iran to take the required steps by providing access without delay to all sites, equipment, personnel and documents requested by the Agency.

My delegation continues to support diplomacy and dialogue to address Iran's nuclear issues , we hope ongoing diplomatic process will contribute to reaching a comprehensive agreement to address all outstanding issues including those referred to as possible military dimension issues.

Concrete results are needed to build confidence in the exclusive peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear programme.

**Mr. Chairman ,**

**My delegation** thanks Ambassador *Jaakko Laajava* for his report on the preparation for conference on the establishment of a nuclear weapons free zone in the Middle East as called to by the 2010 NPT RevCon outcome document . His efforts , commitment and dedication to this endeavor is highly appreciated.

Mr. Chairman,

The UN General Assembly, for years has annually adopted resolutions calling for the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East. A good number of Security Council and IAEA resolutions over decades have called for progress on this issue..., an issue that is long over due.

UAE has welcomed and contributed to all efforts supporting the facilitator work aiming at convening the conference on the establishment of ME zone free of nuclear weapons and other WMD , including through constructive engagement and participation at all consultation meetings . Therefore it is regrettable that the conference did not take place as scheduled in 2012 despite all these efforts.

My delegation continues to support convening a conference as outlined in 2010 at an early date . Convening such conference would be a good opportunity to start a process that could lead to the establishment of a nuclear weapons and other WMD free zone in the middle east .

In light of the failure to convene the conference in 2012, the convening process needs to be strengthened to avoid further postponement. My delegation emphasizes the value of consultations, dialogue, and preparatory work as an essential element for a successful convening of such conference with participation of all states of the region. These consultations and preparatory work must follow a clear mandate and timeline and should support the objective of convening the conference.

The way forward requires practical steps, and further efforts and assurances from the depository states who have special responsibility as co-sponsors of the 1995 resolution on the Middle East.

My delegation will work constructively though this conference to achieve a positive outcome that supports the vision of establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and other WMD

Thank you Mr. Chairman