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on behalf of the

Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

at the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to

the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

New York, 28 April 2015

Madam President,

1. I have the honor to speak on behalf of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), namely, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam and my own country, Myanmar.
2. ASEAN Member States congratulate you on your election to preside over this important Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT). We are confident that under your able stewardship, the Review Conference will yield tangible outcomes. I would also like to extend our equally warm congratulations to the members of the Bureau.
3. ASEAN Member States would like to convey our deepest condolences to the people of Nepal and all those affected by the recent devastating earthquake which struck Nepal on 25 April.
4. ASEAN associates itself with the statement made by the Islamic Republic of -

concluded Regional Roundtable on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons
and Prospects for a Ban Treaty

States to conclude regional treaties in order to assure the total absence of nuclear weapons in their respective territories. This is regarded by ASEAN Member States as an important step towards strengthening nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation regime. Therefore, ASEAN Member States strongly support the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones, as provided by Article VII of the Treaty, not only to attain nuclear disarmament but also to contribute to the maintenance of international peace and security.

13. ASEAN Member States reaffirm our commitment to preserve Southeast Asia as a nuclear-weapon-free zone and free of all other weapons of mass destruction as enshrined in the ASEAN Charter. In this context, ASEAN Member States welcome the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones in Latin America and the Caribbean, South Pacific, Africa, Central Asia and Mongolia's nuclear-weapon-free status. We would like to urge others to conclude agreements to establish nuclear-weapon-free zones in areas where they do not.

