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**THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS**  
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**Australian National Statement**

Nonetheless, there is a broad base of agreement amongst our Governments about the continuing importance of the NPT; and the relevance of its three pillars: disarmament; non-proliferation; and peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

With good will, we think this Review Conference can make progress under each of the pillars.

Our membership of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative

is a good sign of this confidence. The NPT is a broad-based regional

The NPT has also enabled the international community to benefit from the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and technologies, including in human health, agriculture and food security, water and the environment. Australia is a

strong supporter of the IAEA's work in providing the peaceful benefits of

nuclear technology to all States. We are a leader in the use of low enriched uranium for producing medical isotopes, thus minimising stocks of highly enriched uranium and reducing the associated proliferation risks.

We also contribute to the IAEA's Technical Cooperation Program, and we have provided in-kind and financial support for the Peaceful Uses Initiative (PUI). In this regard I am very pleased to announce that this year the Australian Government will make an additional voluntary contribution to the PUI of 350 000 Euros. Of this amount 250 000 Euros will go towards

Australia, like many States, is concerned that 45 years since the NPT entered

that some States continue to produce weapons-grade uranium and plutonium, although we acknowledge that a number of nuclear weapon states have declared moratoria on the production of fissile material. We are concerned that some States are developing new, small, battlefield scale nuclear weapons.

It will be important that this Review Conference looks forward at practical