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universalize the NPT: the EU calls upon States that have not yet done so to join the Treaty as non-nuclear weapon states and, pending their accession, to adhere to its terms.

Bearing in mind the current severe security environment, we reiterate the European Union's strong support for all three pillars of the Treaty and call for the implementation of all commitments assumed under it or undertaken during previous Review Conferences. The EU continues to promote a comprehensive, balanced and substantive full implementation of the 2010 Action Plan; we call for the assessment of its implementation to date across all three pillars. Ensuring the implementation of the 64 actions is a collective responsibility shared by all States Parties.

Madame President,

We reaffirm EU Member States' commitment to pursue nuclear disarmament, in accordance with Article VI of the NPT, and stress the need for concrete progress in this field, especially through an overall reduction in the global stockpile of nuclear weapons.

We welcome the considerable reductions made so far taking into account the special responsibility of the States that possess the largest arsenals. In this context, we also welcome their indications of progress in implementing the New START Treaty and strongly encourage them to seek further reductions in their nuclear arsenals, including strategic, non-strategic, deployed and non-deployed weapons. We welcome and encourage

and to address them in a resolute way. The IAEA safeguards system is a fundamental component of the nuclear non-proliferation regime and plays an indispensable role in the implementation of the NPT. We underline the primary responsibility

initiatives, but also through practical training and financial assistance, thus becoming one of the most important contributors to the strengthening of the Treaty.

The NPT remains for us one of the cornerstones of our policy of effective multilateralism, in accordance with our current Security Strategy. We are now starting a process of a wide-ranging strategic revt 0 0 1 0.84 641.38Tm[stra)4(te) 43.35 655.18T0 0 1 20870.4 Tm[pr)-6(a)4(c)4(tiBT.1()TJETBT1