2015 Review Conference of the Parties
to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT)
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Madame President, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I fully associate myself with the statement given by the European Union and would like to make

a few additional remarks on behalf of the Finnish Government.

Our priorities are also reflected in work ing papers prepared by the five Nordic Countries and

Vienna Group of 10. Finland is pleased to work again with these and other countries for the

success of the Review Conference.

Two nuclear weapon states in the NPT, the United States of America and the United Kingdom,

took part for the first time in a Humanitarian Impact Conference in Vienna in D ecember. We

welcome this opening and encourage those nuclear weapon states, which are not yet part of this

process, to follow suit.

Madame President,

Nuclear weapon proliferation poses a serious threat to international peace. All states should

respect their commitments under the NPT by adopting and implementing the IAEA

Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement together with the Additional Protocol. We continue our

efforts to strengthen the IAEA safeguards system and to promote its universalization.

One way to work towards a world free of nuclear weapons is by creating zones free of these

weapons. Regions like Latin America and Central Asia have already shown leadership by paving

the way.

Countries in the Middle East hav e continued to engage with the Facilitator and the Co-

conveners in order to fulfil the mandate of convening a C onference on the establishment of a

M iddle East Zone Free of Nuclear and other Weapons of Mass -Destruction.

We are certainly en couraged by the on- going eff orts to seek a diplomatic solution to the Iranian

nuclear issue. The agreement on Parameters for a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action is a major

step forward. It is importan t that all parties build on the current momen tum in order to

complete the negotiation s. Finland continues to support the work of the IAE A un der the

Framework for Cooperation.

M adame P resident,

Finland entirely subscribes to the view that all Parties of the Treaty should promote the

development of responsible and peaceful use of nuclear energy while en suring that related

technologies and goods are not disseminated for other than peaceful purposes. There is a

balance of rights and responsibilities of all Parties to the Treaty regarding the peaceful use of

nuclear en ergy. Finland is fully committed to its intern ational obligations and participates in

further developing international standards to ensure saf ety of nuclear energy.

In this context it is essent ial that countries using nuclear power, or embarking on n uclear

programmes, have a sound legislative and regulatory framework in place.