

Statement of The State of Kuwait during the 46<sup>th</sup> session of the PC

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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

I would like to begin by congratulating you for your appointment as President of the 46<sup>th</sup> session of the Preparatory Commission.

I would also like to thank the Executive Secretary Mr. Lassina Zerbo for his speech and continuous work for the success of this session.

The delegation of the State of Kuwait aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and the statement delivered on behalf of the Arab Group.

Mr. Chairman,

The State of Kuwait attaches the utmost importance to all issues and matters relating to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, and underlines its steady and firm position in respect to the international security. It is such that the State of Kuwait joined the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) and hosted one of the International Monitoring Stations out of the belief in the importance of limiting and ridding the world of the dangers of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and also out of its belief in the significant role that this Treaty plays in that regard.

The State of Kuwait signed the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) in 1996 and ratified it in 2003, it has hosted the RN40 radionuclide station since 1994, which was one of the first stations in the region and was formally certified in 2004, that station has been transmitting to the International Data Center since 2003

Mr. Chairman,

This year started with the event that was carried out by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea - North Korea. In this regard, we would like to commend the Provisional Technical Secretariat on the work that it has carried out to follow up with that event and analyze all related data in addition to keeping the Member

States informed with the results in a timely manner; such an occurrence proves the importance of this organization for the international community.

In this regard, we emphasize the importance of the entry into force of the Treaty, particularly as we are presently commemorating the twentieth anniversary of the opening for signature and the establishment of the Preparatory Commission, and therefore we call on all the remaining states, in particular those in annex II, to sign and/or ratify the Treaty in order for it to achieve that.

Mr. Chairman,

Out of concern for the entry into force of the Treaty, and the effectiveness of the work of the organization, we would like to point out the necessity of keeping the discussions in the various organs of the organization's policy-making in line and within the agreed mandate in the framework of the treaty, and to keep in mind that the primary goal is the entry into force and to build a verification system with balance among its three branches.

Mr. Chairman,

The world has recently agreed on the sustainable development goals, as well as on a new approach to deal with climate change, and our presence here today is aimed at achieving perhaps an equally important global agreement. And since there is an innate relation between security and development, the achievement of the universalization of this treaty will go towards the efforts that will enable peace and prosperity to all humanity.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman,

We would like to thank the Executive Secretary Mr. Lassina Zerbo and everyone working in provisional technical secretariat for their continuous efforts in the success of the organizations' work and we commend their professionalism with regard to the technical matters, and we also extend our thanks to all those who put an effort to give the twentieth anniversary an impetus, and to the coordinators of the Article XIV conference.

And as we express our appreciation for the PTS for the technical support and their efforts in the fields of training and capacity building, we reiterate the commitment of the State of Kuwait and its continuous support to the Organization, out of our commitment to support all that makes achieving security, peace and progress of our peoples possible.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.