

Statement of The State of Kuwait
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In the name of God most gracious most merciful

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to begin by thanking you for your commendable management of the Preparatory Commission throughout the ongoing year, and convey my delegation's support for your diligent efforts.

I would also like to thank the Executive Secretary and the Provisional Technical Secretariat for their efforts towards the success of this session.

The delegation of the State of Kuwait aligns itself with the statement of the Group of 77 and China.

Mr. Chairman,

The State of Kuwait attaches the utmost importance to all issues and matters relating to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, and emphasizes its steady and firm position in respect to maintaining International security. The State of Kuwait joined the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) and hosted

one of the International Monitoring Stations out of belief in the importance of ridding the world of the dangers of weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons, and out of its belief in the significant role played by the Treaty in this regard. The State of Kuwait eagerly supports any initiative that contributes to strengthening the work of this Commission and achieving the universality of the Treaty.

Mr. Chairman,

The delegation of the State of Kuwait takes note of the Executive Secretary's reports on activities related and non-related to verification, commends the efforts put forth for the preparation of the reports, and praises the actions taken by the Technical Secretariat following the experiments announced by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea - North Korea, through analyzing the related data and notifying the Member States of the results in a record time; such events demonstrate the importance of this organization for the international community.

We would also like to welcome the accession of the Republic of Myanmar and the Kingdom of Swaziland to the treaty.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation would like to thank H.E. Ambassador Adnan Osman for his excellent management of Working Group A, and we would like to reiterate our support for the proposals shown in the report that will enhance the work of the Organization. The State of Kuwait would also support a consensus regarding the use of financial surpluses of 2014, and we consider that directing those surpluses towards holding the article XIV conference, the ESMF, and capacity-building activities, would be considered an adequate application of and would contribute to the development of the organization's work.

We would also like to thank Mr. Joachim Schulz, Chairman of Working Group B, for his valuable efforts in managing the WG, and we believe that the failure to reach a consensus on a final report in the last

session should be motivation towards continued inclusive dialogue and discussion with all member states on the outstanding issues in order to reach a consensus that pushes aides the completion of the verification system in an effective and balanced manner between all its three pillars.

Mr. Chairman,

The world is moving steadily towards eliminating the threats of nuclear weapons, and evidently, the recent historic decision supported by my country and adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations to begin consultations on a treaty banning nuclear weapons, is another step along that way. In this context, we emphasize the importance of this organization as an essential part of the non-proliferation and disarmament system, and renew our appeal to the Annex 2 States, especially the nuclear-weapon states, to join the treaty in order for it to complete the requirements to enter into force, and in this regard refer to UN Security Council resolution 2310 that calls for that as well.

Mr. Chairman,

We would like to convey the support of the State of Kuwait for the renewal to Dr. Lassina Zerbo in the post of Executive Secretary for a new term, appreciating his outstanding performance during the previous period, and reiterating our commitment to continue to offer our support to Dr. Zerbo and to the Technical Secretariat, as we are confident that he will maintain the same effective and outstanding performance.

Mr. Chairman,

Lastly, we can only renew our thanks to those in charge and to the employees of the Provisional Technical Secretariat, for their high professionalism and their role in the success of the organization's work, as we would like to express our appreciation for the PTS for its support and efforts in the field of

training and capacity building, stressing the commitment of the State of Kuwait and its constant support for the work of the Organization, as part of our dedication in supporting all that can achieve security, peace and progress to our peoples.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.