

Statement by

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on

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In the Name of God
The Compassionate and the Merciful

Mr. Chairman,

Since the issue of Israeli nuclear capability was raised by distinguished representative of Libya on behalf of the Arab Group, I would like to make the following remarks:

The Israeli nuclear capability with the already proved military dimensions has always been a source of serious concern for the countries in the region and international community. It is worth mentioning that the Non-Alignment Movement in the Final Document of its 16th Summit in Tehran, August 2012, expressed great concern over the acquisition of nuclear capability by Israel, which poses a serious and continuing threat to the security of neighboring and other States. While they condemned Israel for continuing to develop and stockpile nuclear arsenals, they reiterated their support for the efforts of the Arab Group in Vienna to keep the question of the Israeli nuclear capabilities under consideration of the General Conference of the IAEA”.

Since 1982, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has passed several resolutions, made decisions and called upon Israel to promptly accede to the Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) and put all its nuclear facilities under the Agency’s full scope safeguards. The NPT was extended indefinitely in 1995 on the condition of implementation of the NPT Middle East resolution. Furthermore, the Final Document of the 2010 NPT Review Conference recalled “the reaffirmation by the 2000 Review Conference of the importance of Israel’s accession to the Treaty and the placement of all its nuclear facilities under comprehensive IAEA safeguards”. Ignoring the legitimate international concerns by refraining to adhere to the NPT, this regime with blind support of some countries, continuously advances its illegitimate nuclear capabilities with the unlawful involvement of certain States, in flagrant contravention of all international norms and regulations.

As it was previously called by the NAM, there must be the total and complete prohibition of the transfer of all nuclear-related equipment, information, material and facilities, resources or devices and the extension of assistance in the nuclear related scientific or technological fields to Israel.

The failure of the NPT 2015 Review Conference to adopt a final document, including on the Middle East NWFZ Conference, due to the blocking of consensus by three countries in support of Israel is a matter of deep regret. However, we should not let the failure of the NPT 2015 Review Conference lead us to ignorance of the great danger posed by Israeli clandestine nuclear weapons.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation is of the view that pending the materialization of the international community's call for the adherence of Israel to NPT without any condition and placement of all its nuclear facilities under the full-scope safeguards of the IAEA, it is quite reasonable that the issue of Israeli nuclear capabilities remains on the agenda of the IAEA, including the General Conference.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.