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IRAQ

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Iraq reaffirms its position on the subject as set forth in document A/40/442/Add.1, namely, that it believes in the importance of establishing a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East and has, accordingly, supported all the United Nations resolutions adopted on this item, ratified the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and agreed to place all of its nuclear installations under the supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Moreover, all nuclear installations in the region are subject to supervision by IAEA and covered by the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, except for the Israeli nuclear installations. Consequently, the region cannot, in its present situation, be regarded as free of nuclear weapons because the potential of Israeli nuclear installations with military capabilities has not been ascertained, although the existence of such capabilities has been asserted by numerous sources, which are cited by Iraq in the above-mentioned document. Accordingly, if verification of the region's being free of all nuclear weapons is desired, this must come about through verification by IAEA. Unless this step is taken, the region cannot be regarded as free of nuclear weapons. Failure to take this step, therefore, constitutes a violation of the basic principles on which any nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East may be based.

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