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> LETTER DATED 25 NOVEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF YEMEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AT GENEVA INFORMING THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE 1995 NPT CONFERENCE OF THE POSITION OF THE REPUBLIC OF YEMEN ON THE QUESTION OF THE HOLDING OF THE NPT CONFERENCE

1. The Government of the Republic of Yemen supports the holding of the International NPT Review Conference, which is scheduled to take place in April 1995. The Republic of Yemen believes that the holding of the Conference will provide an opportunity to benefit from an adaptation of the Treaty to the new circumstances, to the experience gained in this field in recent years, to international developments and to the scientific progress in which great strides have been taken during the last two decades.

2. The Republic of Yemen feels that the Treaty should be subject to periodic review and appraisal in keeping with ongoing scientific progress and new international developments.

3. The Republic of Yemen believes that the Treaty should be amended in such a way as to prohibit the nuclear-weapon States from using such weapons against non-nuclear-weapon States and ensure that these weapons are not transferred to, stockpiled in or carried through the territory or territorial waters of non-nuclear-weapon States or neighbouring international waters.

4. The Republic of Yemen believes that the ongoing reviews of the Treaty should ensure the cessation of all nuclear tests on land, in the sea, in the atmosphere and underground, as well as the gradual and final elimination of nuclear weapons and the destruction of existing stockpiles thereof.

5. The Republic of Yemen believes that the Treaty should be binding on all countries of the world, without exception or distinction, and that all countries should be bound by the safeguards and conditions laid down in the IAEA Agreement and the annexes thereto.

6. The Republic of Yemen reaffirms the need for the Treaty to incorporate provisions conducive to the elimination of the nuclear monopoly enjoyed by the nuclear-weapon States and for the developing countries to be given an opportunity to acquire expertise and know-how in the use of nuclear energy in development-related fields and for civilian purposes.

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7. The Republic of Yemen believes that the Treaty should contain binding provisions to the effect that part of the resources that the nuclear-weapon States save as a result of the elimination of nuclear weapons should be allocated to the provision of assistance to help the developing countries to further their development process and improve their socio-economic situation.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Yemen takes this opportunity to convey to the Preparatory Committee for the NPT Review Conference the assurances of its highest consideration.
