
**Preparatory Committee for the 2005 Review
Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the
Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons**

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**Implementation of Article VI and Paragraph 4 (c) of the
1995 Decision on "Principles and Objectives for
Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament"**

Report submitted by Finland

1. Finland is strongly committed to the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, to the pursuit of global nuclear disarmament and to general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control. Finland regards the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the associated safeguards regime as the key elements of global efforts to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons.
2. For Finland, the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) represents an essential building block in the efforts of the international community to contain the proliferation of nuclear arms in all its aspects, thus contributing to nuclear disarmament. Finland signed the Treaty on the first day it was opened for signature and completed her ratification process in 1999. Finland is fully committed to the obligations of the CTBT and makes every effort to promote its entry into force at the earliest possible date. Accordingly, Finland has been nominated as President-designate of the Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the CTBT, to be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 3-5 September 2003 in Vienna. A Primary Seismological Station and a radionuclide laboratory are located in our territory as part of the International Monitoring System.
3. Finland also attaches great importance to assisting countries in their endeavors to build capacity that is needed to implement the obligations under the CTBT. For this purpose we actively support the Provisional Secretariat in its training activities. Inter alia, representatives of signatory states have been trained in Finland to work as National Data Center operators.
4. Finland has been a member of the Conference on Disarmament (CD) since 1996. Finland held the Presidency of the Conference for the first time in 2002 (March-May). As a member and former President, Finland has done her utmost to break the current deadlock in that unique institution. With reference to the existing proposals and CD/1624 Finland in her

capacity of President tried to initiate the work of the CD by proposing the establishment of Ad Hoc Committees, Working Groups and the schedule of activities. The proposal was in line with the Final Document of the NPT 2000 Review Conference, Article VI 's paragraph 15, sub-paragraphs three and four.

5. Even with the continued difficulties in the CD, Finland remains committed to these goals which have been expressed several times also in the NPT process. Finland is willing to assist in all efforts towards fulfilling the mandate of the CD. Finland welcomes the increased cooperation between the EU member states on CD matters and is ready, for her part, to enhance it further.

6. The international safeguards system of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is the fundamental pillar of the nuclear non-proliferation regime. Finland has concluded a comprehensive Safeguards Agreement with the IAEA and signed and ratified the Additional Protocol. We consider the Additional Protocol an essential additional instrument for further strengthening the IAEA's safeguards system. Finland urges all states that have not yet signed and ratified the Additional Protocol to do so without delay.

7. Finland is developing its national safeguards system further so as to enable effective implementation of IAEA strengthened safeguards in Finland. In addition, Finland continues to support the IAEA research and development programme for nuclear verification and materials security.

8. Finland contributes to strengthening the non-proliferation regime by conducting well-established safeguards support programmes as part of Finnish bilateral assistance to third countries. The objective of the safeguards co-operation is to assist these countries in developing and maintaining national systems for accounting and control of nuclear materials and other radioactive materials, and for export controls and border controls. These support programmes are coordinated with the IAEA programmes for safeguards and security of material.

9. In the recent years Finland has contributed to the development of verification concepts and capabilities e.g. in the fields of nuclear material measurements, environmental monitoring, including airborne gamma ray measurements for the detection of radioactive materials, and air sampling techniques and equipment. Furthermore, we are looking at ways of contributing to the efforts to strengthen confidence building and verification processes in order to facilitate effective non-proliferation and disarmament of weapons of mass destruction.

10. Finland reaffirms her commitment to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in all its aspects and the ultimate goal of eliminating all nuclear weapons. Finland will do her utmost to contribute constructively to the preparatory work for the 2005 Review Conference.
