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NOTE VERBALE DATED 7 FEBRUARY 2007 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF CUBA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IN NEW YORK ON 5 FEBRUARY 2007¹

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations Office at Geneva and the international organizations based in Switzerland presents its compliments to the secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament and has the honour to attach the statement issued in New York on 5 February 2007 by the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement in relation to the recent statements made by the Prime Minister of Israel regarding Israel's possession of nuclear weapons.

The Permanent Mission of Cuba emphasizes the importance which the Non-Aligned Movement attaches to issues relating to disarmament and international security, as well as the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East, and wishes to request the distribution of this letter and its attachment as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

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**Statement of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement
on the recent Statement of the Israeli Prime Minister regarding
Israel's Possession of Nuclear Weapons**

The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) in New York considered at its meeting on 16 January 2007, the statement made by the Prime Minister of Israel on 11 December 2006, in which he publicly admitted the possession of nuclear weapons by Israel.

The NAM Coordinating Bureau, gravely concerned by the said statement, reaffirmed the principled positions of the Movement on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation reflected in various NAM documents including the Final Document of XIV Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Non-Aligned Movement, held in Havana, Cuba from 11-16 September 2006.

The NAM Coordinating Bureau reiterated its support for the establishment in the Middle East of a zone free of all weapons of mass destruction. To this end, the Bureau reaffirmed the need for the speedy establishment of a nuclear-weapons-free-zone in the Middle East in accordance with the Security Council resolution 487 (1981) and paragraph 14 of the Security Council resolution 687 (1991) and the relevant General Assembly resolutions adopted by consensus, and stressed that necessary steps should be taken in different international fora for the establishment of this zone.

The NAM Coordinating Bureau expressed its great concern over the acquisition of nuclear capability by Israel, which poses a serious and continuing threat to the security of neighbouring and other States, and condemned Israel on its action and the said statement in this regard, and for continuing to develop and stockpile nuclear arsenals.

The NAM Coordinating Bureau demanded on Israel, the only one in the region that has not joined the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) nor declared its intention to do so, to renounce possession of nuclear weapons, to accede to the NPT without delay, to place promptly all its nuclear facilities under International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) full-scope safeguards according to Security Council resolution 487 (1981), and to conduct its nuclear related activities in conformity with the non-proliferation regime.

New York, 5 February 2007.
