

**Statement by Chinese Delegation  
on Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons  
at the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee  
for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the NPT  
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Mr. Chairman,

The current international security environment is complicated and undergoing fundamental changes. Nuclear proliferation is still prominent which demands the international community to continue to adopt effective measures to maintain and reinforce the international nuclear non-proliferation regime, so as to eliminate the risk of nuclear proliferation.

As the cornerstone of the international nuclear non-proliferation regime, the NPT has played a significant role in preventing the proliferation of nuclear weapons and maintaining world peace and security. China is ready to work with the international community to promote the 2015 NPT Review Conference to achieve positive progress in this regard.

Mr. Chairman,

The proliferation of nuclear weapons has complex root causes. Efforts should be made in the following aspects as a holistic approach which addresses both the symptoms and the root causes to achieve proper solutions.

Firstly, a favorable international security environment should be fostered, so as to fundamentally eliminate the incentives for nuclear proliferation. The legitimate and reasonable security concerns of all states should be respected and accommodated. No country should seek its own security at the expense of others. Efforts should be made to build a safer world for all through mutually-beneficial and win-win cooperation, creating conditions for realizing the objective of nuclear

non-proliferation.

Secondly, the international and regional non-proliferation issues should be resolved through dialogues and negotiations. Any international efforts in this regard should not deviate from the fundamental goal of maintaining and promoting international and regional peace and stability. All relevant parties should overcome their differences and suspicions through dialogues on the bases of equality and mutual respect, build mutual trust and normalize their relations, contributing to the objective of non-proliferation.

Thirdly, the authority and effectiveness of the international nuclear non-proliferation regime should be maintained and enhanced. The practices of double standards must be abandoned to ensure the impartiality and non-discrimination of international non-proliferation regime and the comprehensive, faithful and balanced implementation of all obligations under the NPT. It is necessary to strengthen the safeguards function of the IAEA and promote the universality of the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement and its Additional Protocol. The export control system and international cooperation in this regard should be further improved.

Fourthly, the relation between non-proliferation and peaceful uses of nuclear energy should be addressed properly. Each country's right to peaceful uses of nuclear energy should be guaranteed. At the same time, all countries should comply strictly with the responsibilities and obligations set out by the NPT, and should not take peaceful uses of nuclear energy as an excuse for proliferation activities.

Mr. Chairman,

China firmly opposes any forms of nuclear proliferation. China fulfills its international non-proliferation obligations in a serious manner. China has joined all relevant international treaties and mechanisms in the nuclear field, and strictly implemented the relevant resolutions adopted by the UN Security Council. China has established comprehensive nuclear export control laws and regulations and taken strict measures to

ensure their effective implementation.

China always takes a highly responsible attitude on nuclear non-proliferation issues. China has actively participated in international non-proliferation process and has made relentless efforts to promote resolution of relevant regional nuclear issues.

China always believes that the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula should be settled through dialogue by peaceful means, calls for all parties to pursue dialogues and consultations and to address the nuclear issue on the Peninsula under the framework of Six-Party Talks. China is always committed to the realization of de-nuclearization of the Peninsula and the peace and stability in the Peninsula and Northeast Asia. We will continue to make unremitting efforts in this regard.

On the Iranian nuclear issue, China has played a constructive role in promoting the process of dialogue, and always advocates peaceful resolution of the issue through dialogues and negotiations. China welcomes the dialogue between P5+1 and Iran. We appeal to all relevant parties to step up diplomatic efforts, strengthen mutual trust, promote negotiation to early progress, and seek a comprehensive, long-term and appropriate solution in a step-by-step manner.

Mr. Chairman,

The Chinese delegation has submitted a working paper on non-proliferation of nuclear weapons which elaborates China's relevant positions. We hope the elements contained therein will be reflected in the report of this PrepCom.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.