



**STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
AT THE DEBATE UNDER CLUSTER 2 (NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONES) OF THE
FIRST SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE 2015 REVIEW
CONFERENCE TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS,
VIENNA, 30 APRIL - 11 MAY 2012**

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation aligns itself with the statement of the Non Aligned Movement delivered by the
Malaysia strongly believes that the establishment of nuclear weapon free zones (NWFZ) ^{ambassadors} will enhance global and regional peace, strengthen the nuclear non-proliferation regime ^{of EGFP} and contribute towards realizing the objectives of nuclear disarmament.

2. Malaysia welcomes the decision of the 2010 Review Conference on "practical steps" to implement the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East. Malaysia is hopeful that the sponsors of the Resolution will undertake serious efforts to realise the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction in the region. Malaysia wishes to reaffirm the need for the prompt establishment of such a 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.

3. We also welcome the appointment of Mr. Jaakko Laajava to facilitate the preparations for the 2012 Conference on a zone free of weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East, as decided during the 2010 NPT Review Conference. We look forward to the convening of the Conference in Helsinki this year (or at the earliest possible opportunity) with the active participation of all states in the region. This Conference needs to provide the necessary impetus for concrete action in realising the outcome of the 1995 Middle East Resolution, which has been stagnant for far too long. We believe that the Conference will provide the opportunity for all states to find common ground and begin discussions on achieving a nuclear weapon free zone in the Middle East.

and thank him for the report presented to us this morning.

4. In achieving this, it is highly pertinent that all states approach the Conference with an open mind and without prejudice on the different security concerns of others. The path that lies ahead, though difficult, is one that has to be undertaken as one of many steps in the journey towards peace and stability in the region.

5. In our region, Malaysia urges the nuclear-weapon States to become parties to the Protocol of the South-East Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone (SEANWFZ) at the earliest opportunity. Accession to the Protocol by the nuclear-weapon States would effectively accord a negative security assurance to the regional States Parties and create the conducive condition for durable peace and security, as well as promote the building of confidence in the region.

Mr. Chairman,

6. Malaysia welcomes all efforts aimed at establishing nuclear weapon free zones in all regions based on agreements freely arrived at between the States of the region concerned. In this regard, Malaysia calls upon States to conclude agreements with a view to establishing new nuclear weapon free zones in regions where they do not exist especially in regions such as the Middle East, South Asia, Northeast Asia and Central Europe. We believe that such measures will restrict the use of nuclear weapons, paving the way for general and complete disarmament of weapons of mass destruction in the world.

Thank you.