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Note to Mr. Duarte

Re: Follow-on actions for the UN related to the 2010 NPT Review Conference

Reference is made to Ms. Hannelore Hoppe's note of 4 June regarding follow-on actions for the UN related to the 2010 NPT Review Conference.

11/06/10

I appreciate your timely comments and recommendations on the steps the Conference invited the Secretary-General to undertake. Taking your inputs into consideration, outlined below are the suggestions of the EOSG for the way forward:

*A high-level meeting in support of the work of the Conference on Disarmament (CD) (Actions 7 and 15)*

I agree that the UN Office in Geneva should advise the Secretary-General on suggested substantive and procedural issues related to this meeting. Please note that the EOSG has received today (9 June) a preliminary report from Mr. Ordzhonikidze's office. It provides a basis for the coordination meeting which is scheduled for next week (16-17 June).

*Establishment of a publicly accessible repository which shall include the information provided by the nuclear-weapon States (Action 21)*

I appreciate your willingness to make related information available on ODA's website as appropriate. As stated in Action 21, it would be advisable for ODA to develop "a suggested standard reporting form." You may wish to consult relevant think tanks and policy groups with which ODA has established interactions in the field of nuclear disarmament. This could signal a genuine outreach to academic and civic society, and as well shows a demonstration of how the UN has embarked on its tasks in earnest to follow up on the outcome of the NPT Review Conference.

It would be important for ODA to bear in mind the importance of balancing ambitious expectations from the academic and NGO communities with practical considerations arising from the position of nuclear-weapon States. As soon as ODA develops its own standard reporting form, we could discreetly consult nuclear-weapon States as the situation requires.

*A dedicated staff officer to support the Treaty's review cycle in ODA (Review, paragraph 112)*

I agree that since this matter will be taken up again when the review cycle resumes in 2012, it would be practical for the existing practice for a number of individuals to act as the secretariat for the NPT, to be formalized as a unit within the

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WMD Branch in acknowledgement of such expression by States parties and continue operating in that manner.

Please address how the current structure of the WMD Branch could be reformulated and indicate whether this would be possible within the existing staffing structure, without affecting the other work in the Branch.

*Implementation of the 1995 NPT Resolution on the Middle East*


I agree with your recommendation for designating a focal point within the UN system who would be tasked to undertake the following;

- Hold consultations, on behalf of the Secretary-General, with the co-sponsors of the 1995 Middle East Resolution and the States in the region on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction; and
- Provide recommendations, in consultations with the Office for Disarmament Affairs and the Department for Political Affairs, on suitable candidates for the position of Facilitator.

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As stated in my previous note of 7 June, the Secretary-General will undertake consultations with the co-sponsors and key players in the region discreetly, keeping in mind regional developments with a view to optimize how best to proceed on this sensitive issue. A focal point within the UN system will be then determined as appropriate.

Thank you for your continued assistance on this important matter.

  
KIM Won-soo  
11 June 2010

Cc: Mr. Nambiar

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To: Mr. KIM, *rw*

Please find a note for your review and approval which is drafted in response to Ms. Hope's note of 4 June regarding follow-on actions for the UN related to the 2010 NPT Review Conference.

  
Nicholas Haysom  
9 June 2010

Cc: VN

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**Note to Mr. Vijay Nambiar**

**FOLLOW ON ACTIONS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS RELATED TO THE  
2010 REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY ON THE  
NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

1. Please find attached a note to the Secretary-General which details follow-on actions to be undertaken by the Secretary-General and the Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA) as agreed by the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT). The attached note provides comments and recommendations on the follow-on actions.
2. Related to nuclear disarmament, the Conference: invited the Secretary-General to convene a high-level meeting in September 2010 in support of the work of the Conference on Disarmament; invited the Secretary-General to establish a publicly-accessible repository which shall include the information provided by the nuclear-weapon States; and recommended that a staff officer dedicated to supporting the meetings of States parties be added to ODA.
3. Related to the implementation of the 1995 NPT Resolution on the Middle East, the Conference agreed that *inter alia*: the Secretary-General and the co-sponsors of the 1995 Middle East Resolution, in consultation with the States of the region, will convene a Conference in 2012 on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction; the Secretary-General will appoint a Facilitator to consult with the States of the region, prepare for the Conference and undertake any follow-on actions; the Secretary-General and the co-sponsors of the 1995 Middle East Resolution, in consultation with the States of the region, will designate a host Government for the 2012 Conference.
4. I wish to draw to your attention in particular the recommendation that the Secretary-General designate a focal point within the UN system to undertake necessary preparations for the 2012 Conference. The focal point would act in the capacity as the provisional Secretary of the meeting, and in support of the designated Facilitator.

*H. Hoppe*  
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Office for Disarmament Affairs  
4 June 2010

cc: Mr. Duarte  
Mr. Pascoe  
Mr. Kim

**Note to the Secretary-General**

**FOLLOW ON ACTIONS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS RELATED TO THE  
2010 REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY ON THE  
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**Summary**

1. On 28 May, the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) successfully concluded with agreement on a detailed action plan covering the three pillars of the Treaty – nuclear disarmament, nuclear non-proliferation and the peaceful uses of nuclear energy – as well as on the implementation of the 1995 NPT Resolution on the Middle East.

**Nuclear disarmament**

2. The Conference agreed to the following steps related to nuclear disarmament, which include actions to be undertaken by the Secretary-General and the Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA):

a. The Review Conference invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations to convene a high-level meeting in September 2010 in support of the work of the Conference on Disarmament. (Actions 7 and 15)

*Comments and recommendations:* The United Nations Office in Geneva should advise the Secretary-General at an early date on suggested substantive and procedural scenarios related to this meeting. ODA's Geneva Office will provide substantive support for the meeting.

b. The Secretary-General is invited to establish a publicly-accessible repository which shall include the information provided by the nuclear-weapon States. (Action 21)

*Comments and recommendations:* ODA will make such information available on its website as appropriate. This action should be understood in connection with the first sentence of Action 21, which states: "As a confidence building measure all the nuclear-weapon States are encouraged to agree as soon as possible on a standard reporting form and to determine appropriate reporting intervals for the purpose of voluntarily providing standard information without prejudice to national security."

c. The Conference recommends that a dedicated staff officer to support the Treaty's review cycle should be added to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs. The dedicated officer will function in an independent manner and be responsible to the meetings of States parties to the Treaty. Pending a further decision by States parties, the costs associated with the staff officer will be funded from voluntary contributions from States parties in a position to do so. Such voluntary contributions will be provided without any conditions. The mandate and function of this officer will be reviewed in the next review cycle. (Review, paragraph 112)



*Comments and recommendations:* There is clear recognition that secretariat support lacks the permanence it requires. The recommendation above was made in the review part of the Final Document, which was taken note of but not adopted. The matter will be taken up again when the review cycle resumes in 2012. During the negotiations on this matter a number of States expressed their preference that the ODA component dealing with nuclear disarmament be enlarged but some insisted that this could only take place within existing resources.

The Secretary-General had in his address to the opening of the Conference also recognised the need for a small permanent secretariat. The existing practice for a number of individuals to act as the secretariat for the NPT could be formalised as a unit within the WMD Branch in acknowledgement of the expression by States parties and could continue operating in that manner until a decision by parties is taken on the procedure forward. This is particularly relevant with regard to implementation of the follow-on actions.

### **Implementation of the 1995 NPT Resolution on the Middle East**

3. The Conference agreed to the following steps related to the implementation of the 1995 NPT Resolution on the Middle East, which include actions to be undertaken by the Secretary-General and the Office for Disarmament Affairs:

a. The UN Secretary-General and the co-sponsors of the 1995 Middle East Resolution, in consultation with the States of the region, will convene a Conference in 2012, to be attended by all States of the Middle East, on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction, on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at by the States of the region, and with the full support and engagement of the nuclear-weapon States. The 2012 Conference shall take as its terms of reference the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East. (Middle East, paragraph 7 (a))

b. Appointment by the UN Secretary-General and the co-sponsors of the 1995 Middle East Resolution, in consultation with the States of the region, of a Facilitator, with a mandate to support implementation of the 1995 Resolution by conducting consultations with the States of the region in that regard and undertaking preparations for the convening of the 2012 Conference. The Facilitator will also assist in implementation of follow-on steps agreed by the participating regional States at the 2012 Conference. The Facilitator will report to the 2015 Review Conference and its Preparatory Committee meetings. (Middle East, paragraph 7 (b))

*Comments and recommendations:* It is recommended that the Secretary-General designate a focal point within the UN system to undertake necessary preparations for this Conference, who would act in the capacity as the provisional Secretary of the meeting, and in support of the designated Facilitator. ODA will provide substantive support for the Conference and related preparatory work. It is recommended that the focal point designated by the Secretary-General, with the cooperation of the Office for Disarmament Affairs and the Department for Political Affairs, provide recommendations to the Secretary-General on suitable candidates for the position of Facilitator, based upon the

consultations between the Secretary-General, the three co-sponsoring States (Russian Federation, United Kingdom and United States) and the States of the region.

c. Designation by the UN Secretary-General and the co-sponsors of the 1995 Middle East Resolution, in consultation with the States of the region, of a host Government for the 2012 Conference. (Middle East, paragraph 7 (c))


*Comments and recommendations:* It is recommended that the focal point designated by the Secretary-General, with the cooperation of the Office for Disarmament Affairs and the Department for Political Affairs, provide recommendations to the Secretary-General on a suitable host Government, based upon the consultations between the Secretary-General, the three co-sponsoring States and the States of the region.

d. Additional steps aimed at supporting the implementation of the Resolution, including that the IAEA, OPCW and other relevant international organisations be requested to prepare background documentation for the 2012 Conference regarding modalities for a zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems, taking into account work previously undertaken and experience gained. (Middle East, paragraph 7 (d))

*Comments and recommendations:* The focal point, who would act in the capacity as the Secretary of the Conference, would in cooperation with relevant entities, upon request and in accordance with previous NPT practice, arrange the preparation of background documentation. It is recommended that all such material be received by the designated focal point for transmission to the Conference.

e. The Conference reaffirms that all States parties to the Treaty, particularly the nuclear-weapon States and the States in the region, should continue to report on steps taken to implement the Resolution, through the United Nations Secretariat, to the President of the 2015 Review Conference, as well as to the Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee meetings to be held in advance of that Conference. (Middle East, paragraph 9)

*Comments and recommendations:* The NPT secretariat component within ODA will continue to receive and forward to the Preparatory Committee and Review Conference all such reports in accordance with previous practice.

  
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4 June 2010