



Joint Resolution by the Delegations of Japan, Philippines and Canada on the Non Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

Aware that the development, deployment and export of weapons of mass destruction exacerbate missile proliferation which poses a serious threat to regional and international peace and security;

Reaffirming the crucial importance of the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons as the keystone of the global nuclear non-proliferation regime and as an essential foundation for the pursuit of nuclear disarmament;

Welcoming, in this regard, the adoption by consensus on 19 May 2000 of the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, which includes, inter alia, an unequivocal undertaking by the nuclear-weapon States to accomplish the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals leading to nuclear disarmament to which all States parties are committed under Article VI of the NPT;

Welcoming International Communities efforts towards nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament including the report of the 'Tokyo Forum for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament' and the 'Joint Proposal on Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament by Research Institutes of Japan, Germany, and the United States'

Concerned over the nuclear tests conducted by India and Pakistan in May 1998 and their subsequent move towards nuclear weaponization, which poses a challenge to international efforts to strengthen the global regime of nuclear non-proliferation

Welcoming the successful adoption of the Final Document, which contains practical steps including an unequivocal undertaking by the nuclear-weapon States to accomplish the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals, at the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) held from April to May 2000.

Welcoming the decision by a majority of State which have ratified the Comprehensive Nuclear – Test –Ban Treaty to convene a second Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the CTBT in the Fall of 2001;

Recognizing that the cessation of all nuclear testing will contribute to the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons in all its aspects and to the process of nuclear disarmament leading to the ultimate objective of the complete elimination of nuclear weapons;

Reaffirming the crucial importance of NPT as the cornerstone of the international regime for nuclear non-proliferation and as an essential foundation for the pursuit of nuclear disarmament

Resolves to:

Call upon all States to intensify their efforts to implement practical steps included in the Final Document of the 2000 NPT Review Conference and concrete efforts towards nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament included in the resolution- 'A path to the total elimination of nuclear weapons';

Recommend the full implementation of the treaties establishing the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone and the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapons Free Zone as an essential step towards preventing nuclear weapons proliferation and attaining the ultimate goal of total elimination of nuclear weapons;

Express continuing grave concern over the nuclear tests conducted in South Asia in May 1998 and call upon India and Pakistan to undertake all the measures set out in UN Security Council Resolution 1172 of 6 June 1998.

Call upon other regions to consider the possibility of establishing such nuclear weapons free zones in their respective areas and negotiating an agreement on no-first use of nuclear weapons as well as an international legal instrument on non-use or threat of use of nuclear weapons against non-nuclear weapon states or nuclear free zones.

Call upon all States to commence immediately intensive negotiations on non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices in the Conference on Disarmament and to conclude them before 2005, and, pending its entry into force, encourage them to impose a moratorium on the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons.