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**On behalf of the Group of Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons by H.E. Mr. Jorge Valero, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva**

**At the Closing Session of the Second Preparatory Committee (PrepCom2) for the 2020 Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation on Nuclear Weapons**

*Geneva, 4 May 2018*

**Mr. Chairman,**

1. On behalf of the Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), we congratulate you and your team on the convening of the Second Preparatory Committee. We appreciate your efforts to reach out to our Group, including the series of consultations held in Vienna, Geneva and New York, which provide us with an opportunity to exchange views on various issues under the NPT and the expectation of our Group for this important meeting.
2. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the UNODA, as well as all the Secretariat and interpreters, for their work in organizing and assisting us through this important meeting.

**Mr. Chairman,**

3. During the XVIII Mid-Term Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), held just a month ago in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, the Ministers reaffirm the Movement's principled positions on nuclear disarmament, which remains its highest priority, and on non-proliferation of nuclear weapons in all its aspects. At that time, they stressed the importance of ensuring that efforts aimed at nuclear non-proliferation are parallel to simultaneous efforts aimed at nuclear disarmament, while expressing their concern at the threat posed by the continued existence of nuclear weapons and of their possible use or threat of use.
4. Consequently, for the Member States of the Movement, it is of great importance that the review of the NPT is successful and that through it the three pillars of the Treaty are strengthened in a balanced and non-discriminatory manner, so that we can move



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decisively forward in nuclear disarmament, in order to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons.

**Mr. Chairman,**

5. The Group has participated and engaged actively and in a constructive manner in this Second Preparatory Committee. The Group has submitted nine Working Papers and delivered a series of Joint Statements during the plenary. These Working Papers and Joint Statements are reflection of the Group's principled positions on various issues under the NPT. The Group believes that as the biggest regional group, its principled positions must be duly taken into consideration in the Chair's summary of this Preparatory Committee.
6. In this regard, the Group is concerned that the Chair's summary did not reflect the Movement's principled positions on various issues under the Treaty in a comprehensive, factual and balanced manner. The Group is also concerned that the summary did not address the wide gap on the implementation of the three pillars of the NPT expansively, especially on the lack of balance in the progress made in the area of nuclear disarmament compared to non-proliferation.
7. The Group notes that many Member States in the discussion on Cluster 1 stressed the urgent need for nuclear weapons States to implement their nuclear disarmament obligations under article VI of the Treaty and the steps and actions agreed in 2000 and 2010 Final Documents for achieving nuclear disarmament. The Group expressed concern that this sense of urgency has not been reflected in the Chair's summary.
8. The Group reiterates that the implementation of the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East is a binding commitment and a priority that must be addressed by the NPT Review Conference until its objectives are fully achieved. Any insinuation that the NPT Review Conference is not suited to address this issue is strongly rejected.
9. To conclude, the Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Parties to the NPT reaffirms their commitment to participate and engage constructively in the review cycle of the NPT, and looks forward to the discussions within the framework of the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee (PrepCom3) next year, with a view to having a successful Review Conference in 2020.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.