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on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons**

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Mr. Chairman,

The Czech Republic fully supports the statement delivered on behalf of the EU. It is my honour to draw your attention to the issues that are of particular importance to my country.

The Czech Republic acknowledges the positive results of the work of the UN and numerous international control regimes and initiatives in the area of non-proliferation. The second NPT pillar is now much stronger than it has ever been. However, while there is a general recognition of undisputable validity of UNSC resolution 1540, not all States abide by some other UNSC and IAEA resolutions, nor do they always act as NPT adherents.

The Czech Republic supports the right of States Parties to use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes but in full conformity with their non-proliferation obligations. We are of the view that non-compliance should be challenged and States should be held responsible and accountable for their violations. We strongly believe that all cases of non-compliance must be reported, as it is required by the IAEA Statute, to the Security Council and the General Assembly of the United Nations. In our view, there are a few cases that have been undermining the global non-proliferation system and international security for several years.

The Czech Republic therefore fully supports the Nuclear Security Summit process, the goal of which is to promote responsibility of all states for securing all nuclear and radioactive material on their territories. In our view, this forum contributes to maintaining effective security and preventing non-state actors from acquiring nuclear materials. Through the framework of the Global Threat Reduction Initiative and with the assistance of the United States, the Czech Republic has successfully repatriated all of its highly enriched uranium and converted all of its research reactors to low enriched uranium fuel, thus effectively becoming a HEU-free country and fulfilling one of the main objectives of the NSS process.

In this regard, the Czech Republic would like to emphasize the unique nature and irreplaceable role of the IAEA, which through its verification activities in the area of safeguards directly contributes to strengthening of international confidence and increasing of the credibility of the NPT regime. Taking into consideration the challenges facing the Agency, it is our shared responsibility that the Agency is equipped with sufficient resources for fulfilment of its duties stemming from the NPT, as well as all the other tasks assigned to it.

The Czech Republic remains fully committed to strengthening the IAEA safeguards system by actively participating in the IAEA Member States Support Programme since 2002, namely through organizing trainings for Agency's safeguards inspectors, developing and testing of new IAEA surveillance systems and offering high quality analytical services in the field of nuclear materials.

In order to optimize the IAEA's verification activities, recognition of new verification standards are needed. The Czech Republic has been a continuous supporter of establishing the Additional Protocol as the core standard of the verification process and the verification activities of the Agency as the key measure to ensure the peaceful nature of a nuclear programme. In our view, the acceptance of Additional Protocol has a deterrent effect on

nuclear proliferation and brings about a next logical level concept in the Integrated Safeguards implementation, the optimum combination of all safeguard measures available to the Agency.

Thank you for your attention.