



THE NINTH REVIEW OF THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

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Statement by the Vienna Group of Ten

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Madam President

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Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, the
Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden. On behalf of the Vienna
Group of Ten, I congratulate you on your election to the Bureau of the 2015
Review Conference and ensure you of our support in helping to make this
conference a success.

The Vienna Group of Ten first met in 1980. In the 35 years since, we have
convened prior to each Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) meeting
with a view to encouraging discussion and substantive progress on the so
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export controls; and nuclear testing. This year, we have added a chapter on withdrawal from the NPT. While withdrawal is much broader than discussions in Vienna, we included it in our paper this year due to the inherent risks it carries to nonproliferation.

Members of the Vienna Group of Ten are like-minded in many ways. We believe that the NPT fundamentally contributes to international peace and security. We are committed to maintaining the NPT as the cornerstone of the international nuclear nonproliferation regime. We are committed to maintaining the NPT as the cornerstone of the international nuclear nonproliferation regime. We are committed to maintaining the NPT as the cornerstone of the international nuclear nonproliferation regime.

