2005 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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Decision on subsidiary bodies

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The Conference of States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons decides to establish for the duration of the 2005 Review Conference a subsidiary body under Main Committee I, Main Committee II and Main Committee III, respectively.

The Conference further decides that:

(a) The subsidiary body established under Main Committee I as subsidiary body 1 will focus on nuclear disarmament and security assurances. The subsidiary body will be chaired by Ambassador Tim Caughley. The subsidiary body will be open-ended. It will hold meetings within the overall time allocated to the Main Committee. The meetings will be held in private;

(b) The subsidiary body established under Main Committee II as subsidiary body 2 will examine "Regional issues, including with respect to the Middle East and implementation of the 1995 Middle East resolution". The subsidiary body will be chaired by Ambassador Antonio Nuñez Garcia-Sauco. The subsidiary body will be open-ended. It will hold meetings within the overall time allocated to the Main Committee. The meetings will be held in private;

(c) The subsidiary body established under Main Committee III as subsidiary body 3 will address agenda item 16 (e), "Other provisions of the Treaty, including article X". The subsidiary body will be chaired by Ambassador Alfredo Labbé. The subsidiary body will be open-ended. It will hold meetings within the overall time allocated to the Main Committee. The meetings will be held in private.

The outcome of the work of the subsidiary bodies will be reflected in the reports of the respective Main Committees to the Conference.