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Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone

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The Chinese Delegation hereby requests that the following elements be incorporated in the report of Main Committee II and the Final Document of the Review Conference.

1. Nuclear-weapon-free zones are of great significance in promoting nuclear disarmament, preventing proliferation of nuclear weapons and enhancing regional and global peace and stability.
2. All nuclear-weapon states should undertake unconditionally not to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear-weapon states or nuclear-weapon-free zones, and conclude international legal instrument thereupon.
3. The guideline on establishing nuclear-weapon-free zone adopted by the United Nations Disarmament Commission in 1999 should be honestly observed.
4. The steps taken by the non-nuclear-weapon states concerned since 2000 to establish new nuclear-weapon-free zones are welcome and should be supported. Non-nuclear-weapon states should be encouraged to continue to make efforts and advance proposals on establishing new nuclear-weapon-free zones.
5. The international community should support efforts made by states of the regions concerned to establish nuclear-weapon-free zones in accordance with the regional situation and on a voluntary basis.
6. The nuclear-weapon states should respect the legal status of nuclear-weapon-free zones, and undertake corresponding obligations in a legally binding manner.
7. The establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones and the signature and ratification of the protocols to nuclear-weapon-free-zone treaties by the nuclear-weapon states have played important roles in extending security assurances to non-nuclear-weapon states in the zones concerned. The nuclear-weapon states should take effective measures to carry out their security assurances stipulated in all nuclear-weapon-free-zone treaties and relevant protocols.