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IN THE REGION OF THE MIDDLE EAST

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1. The Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations presents **his** compliments to the Secretary-General *and has the honour* - with reference to the Secretary-General's note No. **DDA/1-89/NWFZME** of 2 February 1989 **concerning the implementation of General Assembly resolution 39/54, entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East"** - to provide **him** with the following information:

2. The Syrian Arab Republic has consistently **endorsed the principle of** establishing nuclear-weapon-free **zones** in the **world and treated it as an important means of** serving the purposes of disarmament in general, and **of** reducing tension and promoting international **peace and security** in particular.

3. In light of its support **for** this principle, it endorsed resolution **39/54**, concerning the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free **zone** in the region of the Middle East, with a view to sparing this and other *regions* from the **danger of** nuclear destruction. It joined *in* the consensus *on* this **subject** because the **resolution** affirms the following **ideas**:

(a) The need **for** all parties directly concerned to adhere to **the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons**)

(b) The need **for** the parties **concerned** to place all their nuclear activities under International Atomic Energy **Agency** safeguards ;

(c) The need **for** all parties concerned to refrain **from** developing, producing, testing or otherwise acquiring nuclear weapons or permitting the stationing on their **territories, or** territories under their control, of **nuclear** weapons or nuclear explosive devices,

4. The Syrian Arab Republic interprets the contents of resolution **39/54** concerning the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free **zone** in the **region of** the Middle East in this manner and is striving by every means to implement the contents of the resolution on this basis.

5. It **is** Israel which is impeding the implementation of the resolution and categorically rejecting the unanimous wishes of the international community, by means of the following **policies**:

(a) Israel's constant refusal to adhere to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;

(b) Its constant refusal to comply with Security Council resolution 487 (1981), which calls upon Israel urgently to place its nuclear facilities under the safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency, and continued disregard for those safeguards;

(a) Its refusal to accept the idea of giving up possession of nuclear weapons, despite the repeated calls addressed to it by the General Assembly, the Security Council and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

6. The Syrian Arab Republic believes that, if the Secretary-General is to ensure that the resolution is implemented, then it is entirely clear that he must persuade Israel to comply with the wishes of the international community, to implement the community's resolutions and to forsake its nuclear ambitions.
