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Letter dated 30 March 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text of a statement by the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on extending the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (see annex). This statement was made on 5 March 1995 at Dushanbe on the anniversary of the entry into force of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 70 of the preliminary list.

(<u>Signed</u>) L. KAYUMOV

Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement of 5 March 1995 by the Government of Tajikistan on extending the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

5 March 1995 marks exactly 25 years from the date of the entry into force of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, which was drawn up under the auspices of the United Nations and has made an enormous contribution to strengthening peace and stability throughout the world.

Over the past years the Treaty has provided a unique opportunity to save mankind from the horrors and cataclysms which result from nuclear wars, and has placed a firm barrier in the way of the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

In Tajikistan we are firmly convinced that the unconditional extension of the Treaty for an indefinite period will help the efforts of the world community to strengthen the international regime for the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and nuclear security.

Tajikistan, as a non-nuclear State, once again confirms its support of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and advocates the extension of the Treaty without any prior conditions and for an indefinite period.

The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan expresses its conviction that the countries with nuclear potential will continue to refrain from using this lethal weapon against non-nuclear-weapon States Parties to the Treaty and will guarantee their security in the event of the emergence of a nuclear threat.

We hope that this step will ensure the necessary international control over the fulfilment by States of the obligations they have assumed under the Treaty and will create broad opportunities for the peaceful use of atomic energy.
