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OF PAKISTAN ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE ON
DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF THE PRESS RELEASE
ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF PAKISTAN ENTITLED
“PAKISTAN SUBSCRIBES TO THE GOALS OF NUCLEAR
DISARMAMENT AND NON-PROLIFERATION”**

Excellency,

I have the honour to enclose a press release of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan titled “Pakistan subscribes to the goals of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation” issued yesterday. I request you to kindly issue the press release as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed): Zamir AKRAM
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
of Pakistan to the
Conference on Disarmament

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

PRESS RELEASE

Pakistan subscribes to the goals of
nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation

Pakistan subscribes to the goals of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. To promote this objective in an equitable and non-discriminatory manner, Pakistan has always played an active and constructive role in the Conference on Disarmament (CD) in Geneva. It is in the same spirit that Pakistan joined the consensus on the Programme of Work of the CD in May 2009.

Pakistan believes that in implementing its work programme, the CD should pay equal attention to all issues on its agenda, particularly the four core issues i.e. nuclear disarmament, negative security assurances, prevention of arms race in outer space and fissile material treaty.

In the discussions relating to the implementation of the programme of work, Pakistan has underscored the need for ensuring balance in terms of progress and substantive outcomes on all the aforementioned issues. The objective of global and regional peace and security can be achieved by adopting a balanced approach between non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament.

Pakistan's approach in the CD will be based on principles, in particular, that security is indivisible and the legitimate security interests of all states must be promoted in an equitable and non-discriminatory manner.

During the discussions on procedural issues in the CD, Pakistan delegation has underscored the above and this cannot be construed as an effort to reopen the agreed Programme of Work. Pakistan's suggestions are entirely in accordance with the norms, principles and procedures of the CD.

Pakistan will continue to play an active and constructive role in the CD. It expects that concerns of all States will be taken into account in promoting the goals of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation in a holistic manner.

Islamabad
11 August 2009
