
Conference on Disarmament

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Letter dated 19 July 2011 from the Chargé d'affaires of France addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the joint press release issued at the first meeting of the five permanent members of the Security Council in follow-up to the Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), held in Paris on 30 June–1 July 2011

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the joint press release issued at the first meeting of the five permanent members of the Security Council in follow-up to the NPT Review Conference, held in Paris on 30 June–1 July 2011.

I would be grateful if the attached French and English language versions of this outcome document could be issued and circulated as an official document of the Conference.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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First meeting of the five permanent members of the Security Council in follow-up to the NPT Review Conference

Paris, 30 June–1 July 2011

Joint press release

The five permanent members of the Security Council (hereafter, the “P5”) met in Paris on 30 June and 1 July 2011 in Paris for their first meeting in follow-up to the NPT Review Conference in order to consult with each other on the progress achieved in honouring their commitments in that regard. The meeting also provided an opportunity to carry forward the work of the London Conference on Confidence Building Measures towards Nuclear Disarmament, held in September 2009.

The P5 reaffirmed their unconditional support for the NPT, which remains the cornerstone of the nuclear non-proliferation regime and the essential foundation for the pursuit of nuclear disarmament and the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. The P5 also reaffirmed the recommendations set out in the balanced action plan included in the Final Document of the 2010 NPT Review Conference and called on all States parties to the NPT to work together to advance its implementation.

The P5 were determined to work together in pursuit of their shared goal of nuclear disarmament under article VI of the NPT through, *inter alia*, engagement on the steps outlined in Action 5, as well as on reporting arrangements and other efforts envisaged in the 2010 NPT Review Conference Action Plan. They called on all States, including those party and those not party to the NPT, to contribute to progress towards the nuclear disarmament objective by, in particular, ensuring that the international nuclear non-proliferation regime remained robust and reliable.

The P5 continued their discussions on issues of transparency and mutual trust, including those relating to nuclear doctrine and capabilities and to verification. They recognized that such measures were important in establishing a firm foundation for further disarmament efforts. In order to increase the effectiveness of P5 consultations on nuclear issues, they agreed to continue working on a glossary of definitions for key nuclear terms, and established a special working group.

The P5 discussed the political and technical challenges associated with verification with a view to achieving further progress towards disarmament and ensuring non-proliferation. They shared information on their respective experiences in verification at the bilateral and multilateral levels. They will continue consultations on the issue later in the year at an expert meeting to be held in London.

As part of their follow-up to the 2010 NPT Review Conference discussions, the P5 exchanged views on how to respond to notifications of withdrawal from the Treaty under article X. They also emphasized the importance of strengthening International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards by promoting the additional protocol and the reinforcement of IAEA resources and capabilities for preventing and detecting non-compliance with non-proliferation obligations.

P5 States recalled their commitment to promote and ensure the rapid entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) and its universal acceptance. They called upon all States to uphold the moratorium on nuclear weapons testing and any other type of nuclear explosion and to refrain from any act that might defeat the objective and

purpose of the CTBT pending its entry into force. The P5 reiterated their support for an immediate commencement of negotiations at the Conference on Disarmament on a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices, which would include verification provisions. In order to bolster the Conference's negotiating role, the P5 will renew their engagement with other relevant partners prior to the forthcoming United Nations General Assembly with a view to promoting those negotiations.

The P5 welcomed the measures taken by the United States of America, the Russian Federation and the United Kingdom to convene, in 2012, a conference on the creation of a zone free from weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East.

The P5 will continue their discussions on the organization of a third P5 meeting in the context of the forthcoming NPT Preparatory Committee.
