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**2000 Review Conference of the Parties  
to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation  
of Nuclear Weapons**

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**Implementation of the decision on strengthening the review  
process for the Treaty**

**Working paper submitted by Japan and Australia**

[Background]

It is not the intention of Japan to reopen or renegotiate the decision on strengthening the review process for the Treaty in 1995, but rather to improve the operation of the Preparatory Committee in carrying out its own terms of reference provided for in that decision.

[Japan's proposal]

1. The Preparatory Committee should focus, at its early stage, more on the review of the implementation of the Treaty as well as its universality.
  2. In doing so, the Preparatory Committee should also address international and regional issues or events, if any, which are important and relevant to the Treaty at each session.
  3. The Preparatory Committee should start drafting works on its substantive recommendations to the Review Conference at its later stage.
  4. The discussions on the subjects indicated in 1 and 2 above should be reflected in the Chairman's summary at each session of the Preparatory Committee.
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