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### Report of the Secretary-General\*

1. At its fifty-fifth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 55/36 of 20 November 2000, entitled “The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East”, in which the Assembly:

- Welcomed the conclusions on the Middle East of the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (para. 1);
- Reaffirmed the importance of Israel’s accession to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and placement of all its nuclear facilities under comprehensive International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards, in realizing the goal of universal adherence to the Treaty in the Middle East (para. 2);
- Called upon that State to accede to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons without further delay and not to develop, produce, test or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons, and to renounce possession of nuclear weapons, and to place all its unsafeguarded nuclear facilities under full-scope International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards as an important confidence-building measure among all States of the region and as a step towards enhancing peace and security (para. 3);
- Requested the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session on the implementation of the resolution (para. 4).

2. The present report is being submitted pursuant to paragraph 4 of that resolution. Apart from the material forwarded by the International Atomic Energy Agency (see annex), the Secretary-General has not received any additional information since the submission of his most recent report on the subject (A/55/448) to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session.

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\* Finalization of the report was dependent on the outcome of the forty-fifth session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency, 17 to 21 September 2001.



**Annex**

**Application of International Atomic Energy Agency  
safeguards in the Middle East**

**Resolution GC(45)/RES/18 adopted by the General Conference of  
the International Atomic Energy Agency at its 10th plenary  
meeting, on 21 September 2001**