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

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**Chairman's statement at the conclusion of the meeting of
focal points of nuclear-weapon-free zones and Mongolia**

A meeting of focal points of nuclear-weapon-free zones of Latin America and the Caribbean (Tlatelolco Treaty), the South Pacific (Rarotonga Treaty), South-East Asia (Bangkok Treaty) and Central Asia, as well as of Mongolia, was held on 27 and 28 April 2009 in Ulaanbaatar. The focal points discussed the implementation of the Tlatelolco declaration of 2005 as well as preparations for the follow-up Conference of States Parties and Signatories to Treaties that Establish Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones and Mongolia and for the 2010 Review Conference. Following the consideration of those issues, the Chairman is making the following statement:

1. We reaffirm the validity of the declaration of the first Conference of /firm 5e first T1 1 T17 T



zone as a contribution to strengthening confidence and the Non-Proliferation Treaty regime and achieving nuclear disarmament.

16. We reiterate our demand for the total elimination of all nuclear testing and stress the importance of the speedy entry into force of and the achievement of universal adherence to the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, which would make a tangible practical contribution to the cause of nuclear disarmament. Pending its entry into force, a moratorium on nuclear-weapon test explosions and on any other nuclear explosions needs to be maintained.

17. We reaffirm the inalienable right of all States to develop the research, production and utilization of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination and in conformity with articles I and II of the Treaty. We further reaffirm that nuclear-weapon-free zones do not prevent the use of nuclear science and technology for peaceful purposes.

18. We recognize the fundamental role of the International Atomic Energy Agency in the application and verification of compliance with the international safeguards regime provided for in the Treaty and the relevant nuclear-weapon-free zone treaties, as well as its efforts to strengthen the effectiveness of the international safeguards system.

19. Bearing in mind that disarmament and non-proliferation education can contribute to promoting a world free of nuclear-weapon threats, we encourage all States to