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**UN Special Session on the Establishment of a Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other
Weapons of Mass-Destruction in the Middle East**

Consensus statement

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Establishment of a nuclear-weapon and other WMD free zone in the region of the Middle East

1. *Urge* all parties to recognize the catastrophic humanitarian harm of Nuclear weapons and consider taking the practical and urgent steps required for the implementation of the proposal to establish a verifiable zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East, as well as their delivery systems, no later than 2016.
2. *Stress* on the prompt destruction of existing nuclear arsenals and the cessation of developing, stockpiling, stationing, transferring, and testing of nuclear weapons, nuclear explosive devices, and associated delivery systems;
3. *Call* for the universality within the zone process of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, the Comprehensive Safeguards Regime, the Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty, the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention, and the Chemical Weapons Convention and to convene an annual high level meeting regarding WMDFZ containing all countries in the proposed region.
4. *Call* upon all signatories of this statement to place all current and possible nuclear facilities and materials under the full-scope of IAEA safeguards to show complete transparency regarding their nuclear programs by allowing in principle the IAEA inspectors unimpeded access to all nuclear facilities;
5. *Demands* the immediate halt of all nuclear enrichment activities of military nature and the placement of its nuclear facilities under IAEA control;
6. Develop joint statements that commit all the parties to refrain from attacks, or threats of attacks, against each other's declared nuclear facilities placed under IAEA safeguards.
7. *Calls* upon all members of the NPT to sign the additional protocol; as a complementary step to the establishment of the Middle East Free Zone.
8. *Calls* upon Israel to consider joining the NPT concurrently when all members of the region accede to the Chemical Weapons Convention and publicly announce the state of their Chemical Weapons program.
9. The final objective of the zone of establishing a zone free of weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East is to bring peace, stability, and security for all States of the region based on mutual respect and cooperation;

Signatories:

Egypt, Iran, Israel, League of Arab States, Russia, US,

IAEA

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