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SUBJECT: MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF THE NPT

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. A MEETING IN VIENNA OF THE "FRIENDS OF THE NPT" TOOK PLACE ON JULY 9 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF AMBASSADOR WILSON OF AUSTRALIA. MANY ATTENDEES, INCLUDING MOST G-77, APPEARED TO BE UNINSTRUCTED. THE MEETING ADDRESSED PRIMARILY PROCEDURAL MATTERS, WHERE THERE APPEARED TO BE GENERAL CONSENSUS ON MOST ISSUES RAISED. ON SUBSTANCE, NO ONE TOOK ISSUE WITH STRONG STATEMENTS BY THE U.S., U.K., SWEDEN AND AUSTRALIA IN SUPPORT OF INDEFINITE EXTENSION OF THE NPT IN 1995 NOR WITH THE NOTION THAT EXTENSION SHOULD BE THE PRIMARY GOAL OF THE CONFERENCE. MOST ATTENDEES SUPPORTED VIENNA AS A PREPCOM SITE, SUGGESTING THE 2ND PREPCOM AS BEING THE MOST DESIRABLE, POSSIBLY AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 1993 IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

3. ON JULY 9, AMBASSADOR WILSON OF AUSTRALIA CONVENED A MEETING OF THE "FRIENDS OF THE NPT" IN VIENNA. ATTENDEES, MOSTLY AT THE AMBASSADORIAL RANK, WERE JAPAN, ITALY, CSFR, POLAND, MEXICO, NIGERIA, PHILIPPINES, RUSSIA, SWEDEN, UK, AND THE U.S. OF THOSE INVITED, ONLY EGYPT FAILED TO SHOW. THE DISCUSSION FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON PROCEDURAL ISSUES CONCERNING THE 1995 NPT EXTENSION AND REVIEW CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, SEVERAL ATTENDEES, INCLUDING THE U.S., NOTED THEIR SUPPORT FOR AN INDEFINITE EXTENSION OF THE NPT AT THE

1995 CONFERENCE. ATTENDEES ALSO DID NOT DISAGREE WITH U.S. AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT THAT THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE 1995 CONFERENCE SHOULD BE THE EXTENSION OF THE NPT.

4. UNGA RESOLUTION. AUSTRALIA NOTED THAT UNGA 47 WOULD TAKE UP THE ISSUE OF A RESOLUTION TO START THE PROCESS OF PREPARING FOR THE 1995 NPT REVIEW AND

EXTENSION CONFERENCE. UK AMBASSADOR CLARK INDICATED THAT THE UK WOULD BE WILLING TO SUBMIT THE RESOLUTION AND ALSO TO TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOLICITING THE WIDEST POSSIBLE NUMBER OF COSPONSORS. CLARK ALSO NOTED THAT THE NPT DEPOSITARIES WOULD BE DISCUSSING 1995 CONFERENCE ISSUES, INCLUDING THE TEXT OF A DRAFT UNGA RESOLUTION, DURING A MEETING THE WEEK OF JULY 13 IN MOSCOW. COPIES OF THE DRAFT TEXT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW BY MEMBER STATES BY EARLY SEPTEMBER.

5. VENUE AND NUMBER OF PREPCOMS. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT THE NUMBER OF PREPCOMS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE LIMITED TO THREE. HOWEVER, GIVEN THAT THE FOCUS OF THE 1995 CONFERENCE WAS NPT EXTENSION AND NOT MERELY REVIEW, IT WAS IMPERATIVE THAT THE FIRST PREPCOM ADDRESS SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, RATHER THAN BE LIMITED TO PROCEDURAL MATTERS. IN ADDITION, THE QUESTION AROSE AS TO WHETHER THE TRADITIONAL REVCON THREE-COMMITTEE FORMAT AND THE SUBSTANCE ASSIGNED TO EACH WAS APPROPRIATE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE 1995 CONFERENCE. ON THE ISSUE OF VENUE, THE U.S. REMAINED IN A "LISTENING MODE" PER REFTTEL GUIDANCE. HOWEVER, THE MAJORITY OF ATTENDEES FAVORED VIENNA AS THE SITE OF ONE

OF THE PREPCOMS. MAJOR REASONS CITED WERE THE FACT THAT TWO-THIRDS OF THE NPT'S PROVISIONS INVOLVE IAEA MATTERS, I.E., SAFEGUARDS AND NUCLEAR PROMOTION, AND THE INCREASED FOCUS ON SAFEGUARDS STRENGTHENING ISSUES. THE NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM COUNTRIES WITHOUT DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN VIENNA. IT WAS AGREED THAT THIS COULD BE ALLEVIATED BY APPROPRIATE SCHEDULING, SUCH AS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SEPTEMBER-1993-IAEA-GENERAL-CONFERENCE-CONFERENCE SERVICING. IN VIEW OF THE PRELIMINARY SUPPORT EXPRESSED FOR VIENNA, WILSON AGREED TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER OF SCHEDULING AND COSTS WITH RESPECT TO VIENNA AND REPORT HIS FINDINGS TO THE GROUP.

6. EXTENSION ISSUES. ALL ATTENDEES NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING THE LEGAL AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF THE NPT ADDRESSED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. APPROPRIATE ANALYSES SHOULD BE PREPARED BY THE UN LEGAL OFFICE PRIOR TO THE PREPCOMS AND, IF POSSIBLE, CONSENSUS ON THESE MATTERS SHOULD BE ACHIEVED BY MEMBER STATES BEFORE THE PREPCOMS CONVEHE.

7. IAEA BACKGROUND PAPERS. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH AUSTRALIA'S PROPOSAL THAT THE IAEA'S BACKGROUND PAPERS BE DRAFTED FOR AN "NPT" AUDIENCE AND THAT THE "FRIENDS" SHOULD EXERT PRESSURE ON THE IAEA SECRETARIAT TO ACHIEVE THIS END AND TO COUNTER ANY ATTEMPTS BY NON-NPT COUNTRIES FOR DILUTING THIS APPROACH. ATTENDEES ALSO AGREED TO ENCOURAGE THE SECRETARIAT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER AND LENGTH OF THE

BACKGROUND PAPERS IN ORDER TO INCREASE THEIR READABILITY AND IMPACT. THE U.S. NOTED THAT THERE SHOULD BE A COMPREHENSIVE PAPER ON THE KEY ISSUE OF THE SAFEGUARDS STRENGTHENING MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE IAEA; ADDING THAT THE SECRETARIAT'S PAPERS SHOULD ALSO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF EARLY COMPLETION OF FULL-SCOPE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS BY THOSE COUNTRIES STILL DELINQUENT IN THIS AREA.

8. OFFICE HOLDERS. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE CONFERENCE AND PREPCOM OFFICE HOLDERS SHOULD GENERALLY FOLLOW PAST PRACTICES REGARDING GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION. AUSTRALIA EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PRESIDENT BEING A PERSON OF "SUBSTANCE" WITH THE CAPABILITY OF

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INTERVENING EFFECTIVELY AT CRITICAL JUNCTURES IN THE
DISCUSSIONS. ATTENDEES ALSO EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE
PREPCOM CHAIRPERSONS TO BE AT THE MINISTER LEVEL. AT
THE SUGGESTION OF NIGERIA, IT WAS AGREED THAT IT WAS
PREMATURE AT THIS TIME TO ENGAGE IN A DISCUSSION OF
POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR THE PRESIDENCY AND PREPCOM
CHAIRS.

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9. NEXT STEPS. IT WAS AGREED TO CONVENE THE NEXT
MEETING OF THE FRIENDS IN SEPTEMBER. THIS MEETING WILL
FOCUS ON THE TEXT OF THE UNGA RESOLUTION. AUSTRALIA
WILL ALSO REPORT ON ITS INVESTIGATION OF THE COSTS AND
TIMING OF THE POSSIBLE HOLDING OF PREPCOM II IN
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