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Position Paper for International Atomic Energy Agency

The topics before the International Atomic Energy Agency are: 2010 NPT Review Conference - Towards General and Complete Disarmament; Water and Nuclear Technologies; and Implementing Nuclear Energy Infrastructures without Weapon Production Threats. The Central African Republic is dedicated to collaborative multilateral approaches to finding common solutions to worldwide current topics regarding the nuclear question.

I. 2010 NPT Review Conference: Towards General and Complete Disarmament

The Central African Republic wishes the 2010 Review Conference of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) to be an important step in the historic movement towards general and complete disarmament. We urge all participants to move together towards the complete disarmament commitment promised in the NPT treaty. The aim to eliminate nuclear weapons is in this regard our greatest aim. It is our firm belief that the proliferation of nuclear weapons should not be incentivized and measures should be taken against actors promoting the proliferation of those weapons. Today still 8000 warheads remain for strategic use on the globe¹ and we therefore strongly support further discussions about the “13 Steps towards Nuclear Disarmament” which unfortunately could not yet be adopted.

II. Water and Nuclear Technologies

The Central African Republic recognizes the fact that water is scarce in our continent and therefore an important factor for our sustainable future development. We are of the opinion that this scarce resource should therefore equally be distributed between countries and people. The most important source for the supply of water is certainly the ground water, which is however not easy to trace and especially not easy to supervise, protect or control. On this account there is an alarming danger that water is not justly retrieved by each entitled country as it certainly does not care about the political borders our world. We are therefore pleased to hear that the IAEA is constantly pushing forward and working on developing methods to better trace ground water deposits and to supervise these deposits more easily. We embrace

¹ <http://www.atlcom.nl/site/english/nieuws/wp-content/AP%202008%20nr.%204%20Riecke.pdf>

these efforts and believe that resulting developments will have a decisive influence on the development of our country and our continent. We therefore call the international community to action in that it recognizes the importance of these development efforts and in that it supports these efforts in such a regard as that they will pay off.

III. Implementing Nuclear Energy Infrastructures without Weapon Production Threats

The Central African Republic supports the notion of making available nuclear energy infrastructures while preventing weapon production threats. We urge all countries that have not joined the IAEA treaty to follow our example and sign the treaty as this will secure that knowledge and technology for energy production purposes will be passed in between countries without the threat that the respective receivers might use the occasion to produce nuclear weapons. We therefore urge the international community to implement the following safeguard: only countries having signed the treaty should be allowed to have access to nuclear energy infrastructure. We additionally believe that the international community should support developing countries in building nuclear energy infrastructures so that the use of nuclear energy for energy production purposes is possible in a peaceful and sustainable way. Not only will this benefit the climate and reduce the impact of climate change, but these combined actions will also strive to make the world a more prosperous yet safer place, thus benefiting all countries partaking.