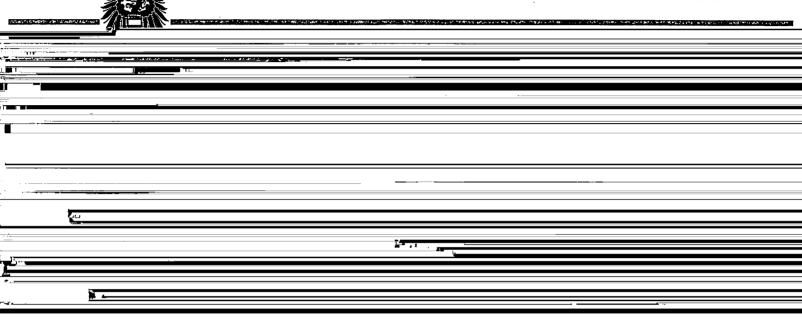
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2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

General Statement

by

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Distinguished delegates,

Let me congratulate you on behalf of the Austrian delegation on your election. We look forward to working with you in the next weeks and you can count on the full support of our delegation. Austria aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the European Union.

Madam President.

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importance for international peace, security, and nuclear cooperation. We must recognize at the same time that its credibility is seriously challenged on several aspects. The universality of the NPT that we all strive for is becoming an ever more remote prospect. This undermines the NPT's value as a security and confidence building instrument especially in Asia and in the Middle East. In this context, Austria fully supports the goal of a WMD Free Zone in the Middle East and the efforts that have been undertaken in the past	the same time that its credibility is seriously challenged on several aspects. The universality of the NPT that we all strive for is becoming an ever more remote prospect. This undermines the NPT's value as a security and confidence building instrument especially in Asia and in the Middle East. In this context, Austria fully supports the goal of a WMD Free Zone in the Middle East and the efforts that have been undertaken in the past	the same time that its credibility is seriously challenged on several aspects. The universality of the NPT that we all strive for is becoming an ever more remote prospect. This undermines the NPT's value as a security and confidence building instrument especially in Asia and in the Middle East. In this context, Austria fully supports the goal of a WMD Free Zone in the Middle East and the efforts that have been undertaken in the past			
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	site inspection exercise in Jordan. However the fact that the CTBT has not vet been
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	brought into legal effect is disappointing and damaging to global disarmament and
	nonproliferation efforts. We call on all Annex II States to take the necessary steps as soon as possible. In particular, we reject the notion that any one State should wait for another to
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	leaders in nuclear weapon States declaring the clear intention to retain nuclear weapons for	
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