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National Statement

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Madame President,

On behalf of all Canadians, I extend our deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to

reached on April 2, much work remains to be done to resolve the serious international c

particularly concerned about the absence of progress under the Framework for

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ground, even while at the negotiating table. Iran must allow the IAEA access to all relevant information, documentation, sites, material and personnel that the Agency has requested so

peaceful purposes. The confidence of the international community requires nothing less.

stability of Northeast Asia, as well as the integrity and authority of the NPT, continue to oliferation

activities.

the Russian Federation is embarking on a dangerous path to destabilize the peace of the world. Rather, real leadership has been taken by France and the United Kingdom since 2010 to unilaterally reduce their nuclear weapons stockpiles and their means of delivery.

-by-step process to reduce nuclear weapon stockpiles leading to their eventual elimination, progress must continue to be a reporting form for Nuclear Weapon States. Expanding on this effort, non-Nuclear Weapon States Parties are invited to make use of the reporting template included in the bmitted to the RevCon.

central role in facilitating international cooperation in nuclear energy and assisting the efforts of States Parties to fulfill their nuclear security responsibilities. We urge all NPT non-nuclear weapon States that have not yet done so to sign and bring into force a Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement and an Additional Protocol. Canada considers this to be the international verification standard to which all NPT States should adhere.

Canada continues to be a leader in efforts to strengthen nuclear security, both in terms of financial support and the provision of expertise. To date, Canada has committed \$467 million towards projects to strengthen nuclear and radiological safety and security, including initiatives launched through the Nuclear Security Summit (NSS) process. These efforts, along with our substantive technical contributions to related initiatives, will continue in the lead up to the 2016 Summit in the US. Looking beyond the 2016 Summit, Canada is actively involved in the process to transition NSS commitments to the relevant international institutions engaged in strengthening nuclear security.

In conclusion, Madame President, I want to reiterat

proliferation and disarmament policy is reflected as a world leader in the production of peaceful nuclear materials and technology, a member of NATO and the G7 and a permanent member of the IAEA Board of Governors. We continue to strive to strengthen the Treaty and call on all states that have yet to do so to accede to it as non-nuclear weapon States.

cooperation and active participation in this Review Conference to arrive at an outcome that strengthens all aspects of the Treaty and promotes a more peaceful and secure world for all.

Thank you.