Preparatory Committee for the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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PROCEDURES IN RELATION TO EXPORTS OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL IN RELATION TO ARTICLE III (2) OF THE NPT

Working paper submitted by Argentina, Australia, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America as members of the Zangger Committee and Costa Rica, Cyprus, Estonia, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta and New Zealand as additional co-sponsors

1. Co-sponsors propose to include the following language in the final document of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons:

(a) The Preparatory Committee notes that a number of States Party meet regularly in an informal group known as the Zangger Committee, in order to co-ordinate their implementation of Article III, Paragraph 2 of the Treaty related to the supply of nuclear material and equipment. To this end, these States Party have adopted two Memoranda A and B, including a list of items triggering IAEA safeguards, for their exports to non-nuclear-weapon States not party to the Treaty, as set forth in IAEA document INFCIRC/209 as amended. The Zangger Committee's Memoranda also relate to exports to non-nuclear-weapon States Party to the Treaty insofar as the recipient State should recognize the items on the Trigger List as well as the

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procedures and criteria from Article III, Paragraph 2 of the Treaty as a basis for its own export control decisions, including re-exports.

- (b) The Preparatory Committee endorses the importance of the Zangger Committee as guidance for States Party in meeting their obligation under Article III, Paragraph 2 of the Treaty and invites all States to adopt the Memoranda of the Zangger Committee as minimal standards in connection with any nuclear co-operation.
- (c) The Preparatory Committee recommends that the list of items triggering IAEA safeguards and the procedures for implementation, in accordance with Article III, Paragraph 2 of the Treaty, be reviewed from time to time to take into account advances in technology, the proliferation sensitivity, and changes in procurement practices.
- (d) The Preparatory Committee urges the Zangger Committee to share its experience on export controls, so that states draw on the arrangements of its Memoranda.