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Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone
in the region of the Middle East

Egypt: draft resolution

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The General Assembly,


Recalling also the recommendations for the establishment of such a zone in the Middle East consistent with paragraphs 60 to 63, and in particular paragraph 63 (d), of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,\(^1\)

Emphasizing the basic provisions of the above-mentioned resolutions, which call upon all parties directly concerned to consider taking the practical and urgent steps required for the implementation of the proposal to establish a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East and, pending and during the establishment of such a zone, to declare solemnly that they will refrain, on a reciprocal basis, from producing, acquiring or in any other way possessing nuclear weapons and nuclear

\(^1\) Resolution S-10/2.
explosive devices and from permitting the stationing of nuclear weapons on their
territory by any third party, to agree to place their nuclear facilities under
International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards and to declare their support for the
establishment of the zone and to deposit such declarations with the Security Council
for consideration, as appropriate,

Reaffirming the inalienable right of all States to acquire and develop nuclear
energy for peaceful purposes,

Emphasizing the need for appropriate measures on the question of the
prohibition of military attacks on nuclear facilities,

Bearing in mind the consensus reached by the General Assembly since its
thirty-fifth session that the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the
Middle East would greatly enhance international peace and security,

Desiring of building on that consensus so that substantial progress can be
made towards establishing a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East,

Welcoming all initiatives leading to general and complete disarmament,
including in the region of the Middle East, and in particular on the establishment
therein of a zone free of weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons,

Noting the peace negotiations in the Middle East, which should be of a
comprehensive nature and represent an appropriate framework for the peaceful
settlement of contentious issues in the region,

Recognizing the importance of credible regional security, including the
establishment of a mutually verifiable nuclear-weapon-free zone,

Emphasizing the essential role of the United Nations in the establishment of a
mutually verifiable nuclear-weapon-free zone,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of
resolution 58/34.2

1. Urges all parties directly concerned to consider seriously taking the
practical and urgent steps required for the implementation of the proposal to
establish a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East in accordance
with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, and, as a means of promoting
this objective, invites the countries concerned to adhere to the Treaty on the
Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;3

2. Calls upon all countries of the region that have not done so, pending the
establishment of the zone, to agree to place all their nuclear activities under
International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards;

3. Takes note of resolution GC(48)/RES/15, adopted on 24 September 2004
by the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency at its forty-
eighth regular session, concerning the application of Agency safeguards in the
Middle East;4

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2 A/59/165 (Part I) and Corr. 1.
4 See International Atomic Energy Agency, Resolutions and Other Decisions of the General
4. Notes the importance of the ongoing bilateral Middle East peace negotiations and the activities of the multilateral Working Group on Arms Control and Regional Security in promoting mutual confidence and security in the Middle East, including the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone;

5. Invites all countries of the region, pending the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East, to declare their support for establishing such a zone, consistent with paragraph 63 (d) of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,¹ and to deposit those declarations with the Security Council;

6. Also invites those countries, pending the establishment of the zone, not to develop, produce, test or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons or permit the stationing on their territories, or territories under their control, of nuclear weapons or nuclear explosive devices;

7. Invites the nuclear-weapon States and all other States to render their assistance in the establishment of the zone and at the same time to refrain from any action that runs counter to both the letter and the spirit of the present resolution;

8. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;²

9. Invites all parties to consider the appropriate means that may contribute towards the goal of general and complete disarmament and the establishment of a zone free of weapons of mass destruction in the region of the Middle East;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to pursue consultations with the States of the region and other concerned States, in accordance with paragraph 7 of resolution 46/30 and taking into account the evolving situation in the region, and to seek from those States their views on the measures outlined in chapters III and IV of the study annexed to his report of 10 October 1990³ or other relevant measures, in order to move towards the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East;

11. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

12. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled “Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East”.

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¹ A/45/435.