

"The Contribution of Nuclear Weapon Free Zones to Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation"

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**Ladies and Gentlemen,
Distinguished delegates,**

Let me first express my appreciation to Ms. Pamela Meidell, the Director of the "Atomic Mirror" for convening this discussion on the "Contribution of Nuclear Weapon Free Zones to Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation".

It should be emphasized that the signing of the Treaty on the Nuclear Weapon Free Zone in Central Asia and the Declaration of a Non-Nuclear Weapon Zone by the Central Asian countries, have become a truly meaningful contribution of the regional countries to the rigorous policy of the world community in achieving a comprehensive and total elimination of all nuclear weapons. This initiative undoubtedly will create an atmosphere of political confidence in Nuclear Non-Proliferation.

In this context, we have taken into account that Central Asia is the region where international interests mingle.

In this regard, we believe that the establishment of the Central Asian Nuclear Weapon Free Zone acquires a multi dimensional scope. The realization of this initiative will promote profound positive changes on the global, regional, sub regional

levels, and in the sphere of bilateral relations of the regional states as well.

The Central Asian Zone, free of nuclear weapons, is distinguished by certain characteristics. First, this zone includes a state that possessed nuclear weapons in the past. Secondly, a Nuclear Weapon Free Zone has been created in the Northern hemisphere. Thirdly, this treaty is a multilateral agreement in matters of security, which unites all the five Central Asian countries. Finally, for the first time a Nuclear Weapon Free Zone has underlined the problem of ecological security in a concrete article.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

May I use this opportunity to express our gratitude to the world countries and international organizations, particularly to the United Nations, for their valuable and comprehensive support of our initiative. As it is known, over this period several resolutions of the UNGA have been adopted, and the initiative has been included in the final document of the 2005 Non-Proliferation Treaty Review conference.

We express our gratitude to the Central Asian countries and the UN for choosing the Kyrgyz Republic as the depositary of the Treaty. It makes evident the great trust and recognition of the significant contribution of the Kyrgyz Republic to the implementation of the initiative on the Nuclear Weapon Free Zone in Central Asia.

Ensuring its own security, proving its policy of transparency, and being a good neighbor, the Kyrgyz Republic, along with other regional states and international organizations with the support of the United Nations and IAEA, has actively participated for many years in the transformation of Central Asia into a Nuclear Weapon Free Zone. And Kyrgyzstan continues its commitment for the further strengthening of the disarmament process, the nuclear weapon non-proliferation regime, the Treaty on Comprehensive

Ban of Nuclear Testing, about to enter into force, and the activation of talks on the creation of nuclear weapon free zones.

Distinguished participants,

It is noteworthy to mention, that the Central Asian Nuclear Weapon Free Zone is considered by us as a continuation of the consistent policy of regional countries to the further development of peaceful enforcement and cooperative development on both regional and international levels.

In this regard I would like to reiterate the readiness of the Central Asian countries to become participants in the consultation process between zones, established according to the Tlatelolco, Rarotonga, Bangkok and Pelindaba Treaties, and aiming at cooperation, enhancement, and coordination between them and their appropriate organizations, and all the interested states as well.

Thank you for your kind attention.