

## **Joint Statement in Connection with Dr. El Baradei's Call for a New Security Paradigm**

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We, members of GPPAC-NEA, met in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia to consider issues related to conducting a civil society forum in support of Six-Party Talks and promoting a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in the region. In connection with the statement by Dr. Mohamed El-Baradei, Director-General of IAEA at the International Conference on the Prevention of Nuclear Catastrophe, we make the following statement:

1. We fully agree with Dr. El Baradei that the nuclear non-proliferation regime is faltering, and that there is a need for a new security paradigm in which nuclear weapons are "universally banned, morally abhorred and their futility unmasked."
2. We support the idea that special efforts need to be taken to start talks on the conclusion of a Nuclear Weapons Convention that would outlaw and eliminate nuclear weapons worldwide, much like the conventions on biological and chemical weapons and landmines.
3. We also believe that efforts need to be taken to establish new Nuclear-Weapon-Free zones, including in Northeast Asia, that would promote strengthening of nuclear non-proliferation and the achievement of nuclear disarmament.
4. We believe that the decisions taken by Ulaanbaatar meeting of GPPAC-NEA will contribute to the promotion of the new security paradigm

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