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2015 Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT):

UN Headquarters: 27 April – 22 May 2015

New York: 6 May 2015

The 2015 NPT Review Conference opened at UN headquarters on 27 April and will continue till 22 May 2015.

On Wednesday, 6th May, the Main Committees and Subsidiary Bodies continued with their meetings. The sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies (SB) are ‘closed’ to civil society and observers.

Intense consultations and briefings are underway on nuclear disarmament, the humanitarian initiative and the Middle East. The two most contentious issues are the humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons and the implementation of the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East to set up a zone free of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction.

The Russian Federation and the United States gave a joint presentation on the New START (strategic arms reduction agreement) – Ambassador Mikhail Uliyanov and Under-Secretary of State Rose Gotemoeller gave the joint briefing. The Chair of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), Ambassador Raphael Grossi (Argentina) gave a briefing on nuclear export controls as part of an NSG Outreach Event.

Due to work commitments on Wednesday, the report on Day 8 proceedings could not be completed and will be available on Thursday.

Looking Ahead

On Thursday, all three Main Committees will meet, as well as Subsidiary Body 2. Draft reports of Main Committees I and II are expected on Friday afternoon, with the Main Committee III draft report expected next week.

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