Proposal by Australia on the draft report of Main Committee II

On Paragraph 29, which refers to the implementation of safeguards to naval nuclear propulsion, on behalf of Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States, we would like to recommend the addition of the following specific points:

1. that non-nuclear-weapon States are permitted to pursue naval nuclear propulsion under the NPT. This activity was foreseen in the treaty’s legal framework;

2. non-nuclear-weapon States engaging in naval nuclear propulsion activities must ensure that such activities are developed according to the highest possible standards of non-proliferation and in compliance with their relevant safeguards obligations; and

3. the IAEA Director-General and Secretariat are the competent international authority under Article III of the NPT for implementing safeguards obligations and for providing the international community confidence that non-nuclear-weapon States are not diverting nuclear material to proscribed activities.