Proposal by China on Naval Nuclear Propulsion Reactor for the report of Main Committee II as of 17 August

Review

The Conference notes that State parties expressed concerns over the transfer of naval nuclear propulsion reactors and weapon-grade highly enriched uranium from nuclear-weapon States to a non-nuclear-weapon State, including its compatibility with the NPT, the applicability of certain provisions of IAEA safeguards agreements, and the effectiveness of verification and monitoring arrangements under the current IAEA safeguards system. The Conference further acknowledges that any safeguards arrangements finally arrived at will inevitably be precedent-setting and thus affect the interests of all the member States of the IAEA and the State parties of the NPT.

Forward-Looking Actions

The Conference recommends that a structured dialogue be launched in the framework of IAEA that is open to all member States to deliberate on the transfer of naval nuclear propulsion reactors and weapon-grade highly enriched uranium from nuclear-weapon States to a non-nuclear-weapon State, and the related safeguards issues in all its aspects, with a view, among others, to enhancing the existing safeguards agreements with strengthened verification and monitoring measures, in order to prevent diversion of the transferred nuclear material for use in a nuclear weapons program. The Conference also decides to establish a standing agenda item at the next Review Cycle regarding the issue in question, so as to facilitate related discussions beyond the tenth NPT Review Conference.