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Supplementary Item for Inclusion in the Provisional Agenda

1. On 16 June 2014, the Director General received a request, submitted by the Ambassador of the State of Kuwait on behalf of the Arab States that are members of the International Atomic Energy Agency, for the inclusion of an item entitled “Israeli nuclear capabilities” in the agenda of the 58th (2014) regular session of the General Conference.
2. Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference¹, this item is hereby placed on a supplementary list which will be circulated not later than 2 September 2014. The letter from the Ambassador of Kuwait and the accompanying explanatory memorandum relating to the inclusion of this item are attached hereto.
3. It is suggested, for consideration by the General Committee, that this item follow item 19 of the provisional agenda and be discussed in the Plenary.

¹ Rules 13 and 20, GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1

**Text of letter received on 16 June 2014 from the
Ambassador of the State of Kuwait**

On behalf of the Arab States that are members of the International Atomic Energy Agency: the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, the Republic of Tunisia, the Republic of Algeria, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Republic of Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Republic of Iraq, the State of Qatar, the State of Kuwait, the Lebanese Republic, Libya, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Republic of Yemen, the Sultanate of Oman, the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and Palestine (observer),

I have the honour to forward to you the request of the Arab States listed hereabove, based on the decisions of the Council of the Arab League at the level of the Summit and Arab Foreign Ministers, for the inclusion of an item on "Israeli nuclear capabilities" in the agenda of the fifty-eighth (2014) session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

I also have the honour to enclose the explanatory memorandum relating to the request for inclusion of the above-mentioned item.

We hope you will be so kind as to take all the necessary steps in this regard.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed)

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Chairman, Council of Arab Ambassadors in
Vienna

Encl.: Explanatory memorandum

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED BY THE MEMBER STATES IN THE
LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES ON ISRAELI NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES

1. An item on “Israeli nuclear capabilities and threat” has been on the agenda of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency since 1987 and the Conference has adopted resolutions calling upon Israel to place its nuclear installations under Agency safeguards.
2. In 1992, the Arab Group decided to put on hold its submission of the draft Arab resolution in view of the peace process already under way in the Middle East, the aim of which was to conclude a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the region, and which included in particular discussions on the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East, as reflected in the President’s statement endorsed during the thirty-sixth session of the General Conference. However, the policies of successive Israeli Governments have obstructed the Middle East peace process and thwarted all initiatives to free the Middle East of weapons of mass destruction, and in particular of nuclear weapons.
3. The Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons which was held in May 1995 adopted a resolution on the Middle East expressing the concern of the States Party to the Treaty at the dangerous situation in the Middle East resulting from the presence in the region of nuclear activities not subject to Agency safeguards, which put regional and international peace and security at risk.
4. In May 2000, the sixth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, which followed developments in the implementation of the resolution on the Middle East issued at the previous Review Conference, issued a Final Document which requested that Israel accede to the NPT as soon as possible and welcomed the accession to it of a number of Arab States during the period 1995–2000, while Israel remained the only State in the region that had not acceded to that Treaty. The Conference reaffirmed the importance of Israel’s accession to that Treaty and the placement of all its nuclear facilities under comprehensive Agency safeguards in realizing the goal of universal adherence to the Treaty in the Middle East.
5. In May 2010, the Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons met and adopted the work plan regarding the Middle East and a Final Document including all the required procedures for holding an international conference in 2012 to make the Middle East a zone free from nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, appointing a coordinator for the conference, and designating the State that would host the conference, as soon as possible, in consultation with the States of the region.
6. While all the Arab States have acceded to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and shown their continuing readiness to take practical steps towards the establishment of a zone free from weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East, Israel continues to defy the international community by downplaying the significance of the Treaty and by refusing to become a party to it and place all its installations under the Agency’s comprehensive safeguards system, thus exposing the region to nuclear risks and threatening peace, especially given that Israel possesses nuclear weapons, as acknowledged by more than one high-ranking Israeli official.
7. The Arab States acceded to the proposals submitted by certain States during the fifty-second session of the IAEA General Conference in September 2008 in the interests of showing flexibility and in an endeavour to find consensus, and made modifications to the draft Arab resolution, the title of which was changed from “Nuclear capabilities and their threats” to “Israeli nuclear capabilities”.
8. In the framework of international initiatives to strengthen the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and calls for Israel’s accession thereto, the Arab States affirm that their initiative to make the Middle East a nuclear-weapon-free zone represents a comprehensive regional response to the

potential proliferation of these weapons, achieves mutual security for all the States of the region and goes hand in hand with demands to rid the world of weapons of mass destruction.

9. Adoption of the resolution entitled “Israeli nuclear capabilities” (GC(53)/RES/17) by the fifty-third session of the IAEA General Conference highlighted the international community’s concern about Israeli nuclear capabilities, and it called upon Israel to accede to the NPT and place all its nuclear facilities under comprehensive Agency safeguards. Also, the resolution urged the Director General to work with the States concerned towards that end and to submit a report to the Board of Governors and the General Conference at its fifty-fourth session on implementation of the resolution.
10. The Arab States support efforts made to establish a zone free from nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East and have for that reason cooperated with the facilitator and organizing parties of the conference transparently, and indeed continue to do so, and have submitted positive, constructive proposals in support of holding the conference on the date agreed and defined their positions based on the terms of reference. Likewise, they opted to put on hold the submission of their resolution entitled “Israeli Nuclear Capabilities” during the fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth General Conferences in 2011 and 2012 as a gesture of goodwill and so as not to undermine those efforts at that time. However, the recent course of events has failed to meet the expectations of the Arab Group and in no way matches the efforts undertaken by the Group or the flexibility it has displayed thus far.
11. The Arab States stress the need to convene as soon as possible the conference aimed at ridding the Middle East region of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, as stipulated by the Final Document of the 2010 NPT Review Conference, considering that convening it constitutes an important basis for the process of building confidence and achieving stability, security and peace in the region.
12. There is international agreement on the need to accelerate nuclear disarmament in the world and to place all nuclear installations under the IAEA comprehensive safeguards regime. There is also an international commitment to the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, in view of the grave threat these weapons pose to security and stability in the world, particularly in regions of tension, and the devastating effect of their use on humanity.
13. There is no doubt that the IAEA has a fundamental role in the process of achieving nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation in conformity with the Agency’s Statute, particularly Article II on ensuring that assistance provided by the Agency is not used in such a way as to further any military purpose and Article III.B.1. on the establishment of safeguarded disarmament.
14. All Member States of the Agency are called on to cooperate in order to remedy this situation resulting from the fact that Israel alone possesses nuclear capabilities which are undeclared and not subject to international control, thus constituting a permanent threat to peace and security in the region.
15. The IAEA General Conference must take appropriate measures to ensure that Israel places all its nuclear installations under Agency safeguards and accedes to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

A list of some international resolutions issued on this subject is attached hereto.

A number of resolutions issued by the United Nations General Assembly, the Security Council and the IAEA General Conference call upon Israel to place all its nuclear installations under Agency safeguards and to accede to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. These include the following resolutions:

1. Resolutions issued by the United Nations General Assembly:

Year	Res. No.
1994	49/78
1995	50/73
1996	51/48
1997	52/41
1998	53/80
1999	54/57
2000	55/36
2001	56/26
2002	57/97
2003	58/68
2004	59/106
2005	60/92
2006	61/103
2007	62/56
2008	63/84
2009	63/38
2010	64/26
2011	66/25
2012	67/28
2013	68/27

2. Resolutions issued by the Security Council:

Year	Number
1981	S/RES/487

3. Resolutions issued by the International Atomic Energy Agency:

Year	Number
1987	GC(XXXI)/RES/470
1988	GC(XXXII)/RES/487
1989	GC(XXXIII)/RES/506
1990	GC(XXXIV)/RES/526
1991	GC(XXXV)/RES/570
2009	GC(53)/RES/17