SECOND CONFERENCE OF THE STATE PARTIES TO THE
AFRICAN NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE TREATY
(TREATY OF PELINDABA)

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1. The Second Conference of State Parties (CSP) to the African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty (Treaty of Pelindaba) took place at the African Union (AU) Headquarters, in Addis Ababa, from 12 to 13 November 2012. The CSP was held in accordance with paragraph 2 (b) of Article 12 and paragraph 2 of Article 14 of the Treaty, which stipulate that the African Commission on Nuclear Energy (AFCONE) shall convene a CSP on any matter arising from the implementation of the Treaty, and that Conferences of State Parties shall be held as necessary and at least once every two years.

2. The objectives of the CSP was to bring together countries of the Zone, the concerned extra-zonal countries and the relevant regional and international bodies, to consider matters relating to the implementation of the Treaty, the operationalization of AFCONE Secretariat, as well as other issues of concern to the Zone.

3. The CSP was attended by the following State Parties to the Treaty of Pelindaba: Algeria, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Côte d’Ivoire, Comoros, Ethiopia, Gabon, The Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Libya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia and Zimbabwe. The following signatories to the Treaty of Pelindaba participated in the Conference as observers, namely: the Republic of Congo, Egypt, Liberia, Niger, the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic and Sudan.

4. The CSP was also attended by the following Parties and Signatories to Protocols I, II and III to the Treaty: China, France, the Russian Federation, the United States and the United Kingdom. Other participants included the African Regional Cooperation Agreement for Research, Development and Training related to Nuclear Science and Technology (AFRA), the Forum for Nuclear Regulatory Bodies in Africa (FNRBA), the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO), the European Union (EU), Germany and Mexico. Mexico participated in the CSP on behalf of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL).

5. The CSP elected the following Bureau to conduct its proceedings:

- Chairperson – Ghana (West Africa);
- 1st Vice Chairperson – Namibia (Southern Africa);
- 2nd Vice Chairperson – Mauritania (North Africa);
- 3rd Vice Chairperson – Ethiopia (East Africa); and
- Rapporteur – Chad (Central Africa).
6. The meeting was officially opened by Ambassador Ramtane Lamamra, AU Commissioner for Peace and Security, and Ambassador Abdul Samad Minty, Chairperson of AFCONE. The opening ceremony featured statements by Mr Yukiya Amano, Director-General of the IAEA; Professor Shaukat Abdulrazak, Chairperson of AFRA, Dr Augustin Simo, Chairperson of the FNRBA; Mr Bernardo Ribeiro, the representative of the Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the CTBTO; and Lisa Filipetto, Ambassador of Australia to the AU, on behalf of Mr Peter Woolcott, Chair of the First Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference.

7. The CSP called on AU Member States, that have not yet done so, to sign and ratify the Treaty without further delay. It also appealed to the concerned non-African States to speedily sign and ratify the relevant Protocols to the Treaty and to comply with all the commitments contained therein.

8. The CSP took note of the briefing provided by the AU Commission and the Chairperson of AFCONE on the Conclusions of the First and Second Ordinary Sessions of AFCONE, held on 4 May 2011 and 26 July 2012, respectively.

9. The CSP looks forward to the appointment of the Executive Secretary of AFCONE following the consultations expected between the Chairperson of the AU Commission and the Chairperson of AFCONE. In this regard, the CSP welcomed the progress made by the AU Commission in the selection process.

10. The CSP considered and adopted, as amended, the documents relating to the structure of AFCONE, its programme of work, budget and scale of assessment. The CSP also took note of the Rules of Procedure of AFCONE and the Terms of Reference of the Executive Secretary of the AFCONE Secretariat. The AU Commission will avail the adopted documents to the State Parties, in consultation with the Chairperson of AFCONE, by 7 December 2012.

11. The CSP requested the AU Commission to provide, in due course, the necessary information regarding the scale of assessment of the budget of AFCONE. The CSP encouraged State Parties, upon receipt of this information, to honor their financial obligations.