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

**ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA
29 – 30 MAY 2014**

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1. The Third Conference of States 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 29 to 30 May 2014. The 3rd CSP was held in accordance with paragraph 2 (b) of Article 12 and paragraph 1 of Article 14, which states that the African Commission on Nuclear Energy (AFCONE) shall convene conferences of States Parties on any matter arising from the implementation of the Treaty and that conferences of States Parties shall be held as necessary and at least every two years.
2. The 3rd CSP was attended by the following States Parties: Algeria, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Lesotho, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic, Senegal, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The 3rd CSP was also attended by France, State Party to Protocols I, II and III to the Treaty of Pelindaba, and the Russian Federation as State Party to Protocol I and II.
3. Other regional and international organizations participating in the 3rd CSP included the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO), Forum for Nuclear Regulatory Bodies in Africa (FNRBA), and the Institute for Security Studies (ISS).
4. The 3rd CSP was also attended by the following AFCONE Commissioners: Ambassador Abdul Samad Minty, Chairperson of AFCONE (South Africa), Dr. Mourad Telmini, Vice-Chairperson of AFCONE (Tunisia), Mr. Messaoud Baaliouamer (Algeria), Dr. Augustin Simo (Cameroon), Mr. Tezana Coulibaly (Mali), Professor Christian Sina Diatta (Senegal) and , Mr. Manzi Pidalatan (Togo).
5. The meeting was officially opened by Ambassador Smaïl Chergui, AU Commissioner for Peace and Security, and Ambassador Abdul Samad Minty, Chairperson of AFCONE. The opening ceremony featured statements by Mr. Dazhu Yang, Director for Africa at the Technical Cooperation Department of the IAEA; Mr. Genxin Li, Director of External Relations and Legal Division of the CTBTO, and Dr. Augustin Simo, Chairperson of FNRBA.
6. The 3rd CSP elected the following Bureau to conduct its proceedings:
 - Chairperson – Tanzania (Eastern Africa);
 - 1st Vice Chairperson – Lesotho (Southern Africa);
 - 2nd Vice Chairperson – Cameroon (Central Africa);
 - 3rd Vice Chairperson – Libya (Northern Africa); and
 - Rapporteur – Burkina Faso (Western Africa).

7. The 3rd CSP reviewed the status of the operationalization of AFCONE Secretariat; the status of States Parties' contributions to the 2013-2015 budget; the implementation of the AFCONE programme of work; as well as to address other issues relating to the implementation of the Treaty of Pelindaba.

8. The 3rd CSP welcomed the ratification by the Republic of Congo and the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic of the Treaty of Pelindaba, bringing the total number of States Parties to 38. In this regard, it 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.

9. The 3rd CSP took note of the comprehensive report provided by the Chairperson of AFCONE on the status of the operationalization of AFCONE Secretariat, the appointment of the Executive Secretary, as well as the status of States Parties assessed contributions to the budget of AFCONE for the period 2013-2015, as adopted by the 2nd CSP held in Addis Ababa from 12 to 13 November 2012. The 3rd CSP further took note of the progress made by AFCONE in implementation of the different pillars of its programme of work, including in the areas of monitoring States Parties' compliance with their Treaty obligations; nuclear and radiation safety and security; nuclear sciences and applications; and partnerships and technical cooperation with the relevant regional and international bodies.

10. The 3rd CSP welcomed the results of the assessment undertaken by AFCONE which concludes that all activities conducted by States Parties are in full compliance with the Treaty's non-proliferation obligations. Important work still has to be done to strengthen safety and security programs. It further emphasized the need for AFCONE activities to be geared towards providing the necessary technical expertise and support to States Parties in order to fully benefit from the peaceful applications of nuclear science and technology for socio-economic development, including in the areas of human and animal health, food and agriculture, water resources, sustainable energy development and industry.

11. The 3rd CSP welcomed the various initiatives undertaken by AFCONE to promote and strengthen coordination and collaboration with the relevant regional and international organizations, including the African Regional Cooperative Agreement for Research, Development and Training Related to Nuclear Science and Technology (AFRA), IAEA, CTBTO and FNRBA, in order to optimize resources and address gaps.

12. The 3rd CSP took note of the fact that only 26.04% of the AFCONE budget were covered, and thus called on all States Parties to honor their financial obligations towards the budget of AFCONE as adopted by the 2nd CSP, in order to enable AFCONE to effectively and consistently implement its programme of work in a manner that ensures full ownership by States Parties.

13. The 3rd CSP endorsed the proposal to activate paragraph 1 of Rule 40 of AFCONE Rules of Procedure regarding Remuneration on the basis of the applicable AU Commission administrative policies and practices.

14. The 3rd CSP took note of the statements made by South Africa, Libya, Algeria, Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic and Rwanda, in which they, *inter alia*, commended the efforts undertaken by AFCONE and highlighted the emerging issues in relation to the Treaty's implementation. It also took note of the statement made by the Russian Federation.

15. The 3rd CSP took note of the tentative roadmap developed by AFCONE for the period 2014 to 2016, which will, *inter alia*, work towards ensuring the appointment of National Focal Points by States Parties, strengthening cooperation with the regional and international organizations, and consideration for the establishment of regional verification systems and securing the appropriate resources, including human resources development and infrastructure.

16. In line with the relevant provisions of Annex III of the Treaty of Pelindaba, the 3rd CSP elected the following States Parties as members of AFCONE for a three-year term: Algeria, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, Mali, Mauritius, Senegal, South Africa, Togo, Tunisia and Zimbabwe.