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TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY  
CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
“XXI CENTURY - TOWARDS A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE WORLD”**

The Secretariat has received a note verbale from the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan. The note verbale and, as requested therein, its attachment are circulated herewith for the information of Member States.

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to request the Secretariat to circulate the attached Final Memorandum of the International Conference "XXI Century – Towards a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World", which took place on 29-30 August 2001 in Almaty under the aegis of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Mr.N.Nazarbayev on the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the independence of Kazakhstan and closure of the Semipalatinsk nuclear test site, as an information circular of the Agency.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this case to renew to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 6 September 2001

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Final Memorandum  
of the International Conference  
“XXI Century—Towards a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World

The world at the dawn of the 21<sup>st</sup> century is dynamic and heterogeneous. It is becoming a more globalized society, in which fundamental shifts are taking place and there are unforeseen opportunities for development. But progress comes with uncertainties and risks.

Today, we are faced with new challenges for global and regional security. At the same time, nuclear weapons, as with other weapons of mass destruction, continue to pose the most serious dangers for humanity.

In this context, the dissolution of the USSR and the threat of the spread of nuclear weapons was a turning point for the international community and a crucial test for those newly independent states that inherited nuclear weapons.

As a result of historical circumstances, Kazakhstan became a de facto nuclear power, but survived this test having made an historical choice in favor of a denuclearised status. This step demonstrated the political maturity and wisdom of the Kazakhstani leadership, which recognized its responsibility for the security of the country, the region, and the world. The closing of the Semipalatinsk test site, accession to the START agreement and the Non-Proliferation Treaty, and signing of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty became important milestones in the establishment of Kazakhstan as a sovereign state. During its 10 years of independence, Kazakhstan has made a considerable effort to strengthen its role as one of the key countries in the field of nuclear disarmament.

We note with satisfaction the significant progress in the work of creating a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia. The creation of such a zone will facilitate the strengthening of the global nuclear non-proliferation regime as well as regional security.

Despite differences in political views and the varying levels of economic development and technological possibilities in their countries, the participants in this conference are united in their eagerness to create a safer world and to make the process of non-proliferation irreversible. We believe in the notion that humanity should use its scientific-technological potential not for mutual threats or the destruction of each another, but instead in the service of further peaceful development, progress, and human prosperity.

Towards the fulfilment of these purposes, we call for the support of governments, the international community, and all those who value peace and security.