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STATEMENT ISSUED ON 28 FEBRUARY 1995 BY THE PRESIDENCY ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION ON ACCESSION OF ARGENTINA TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

The attached statement was issued on 28 February 1995 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on accession of Argentina to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. The Statement was received from the Resident Representative of France to the International Atomic Energy Agency and is being circulated for the information of all Member States.

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The European Union welcomes the fact that Argentina has deposited on 10 February its instrument of accession to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons as a non-nuclear-weapon State. This accession confirms Argentina's firm commitment to contribute towards international nuclear non-proliferation efforts, as already demonstrated by the quadripartite agreement concluded between Argentina, Brazil, the ABACC and the IAEA and the Treaty of Tlatelolco ratified by Argentina on 18 January 1994.

The European Union takes this opportunity to underscore its belief in universal adherence to the NPT and calls upon States which have not yet done so to accede to the NPT as non-nuclear-weapon States.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the Union align themselves with this statement.