

Brief background information for the meeting of the representatives of focal points of NWFZs

The first Conference of States Parties and Signatories of Treaties that Establish Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones and Mongolia was held in Tlatelolco, Mexico city on 26-28 April 2005 and adopted a Declaration of the Conference and Rapporteur's report on the deliberations of the Conference which reflected some of the concrete understandings on how to proceed in establishing an effective coordinating mechanism so as to promote the attainment of the common goals. Also during the conference a civil society forum was held that adopted its own report on the issues discussed at the conference (see UNGA document A/60/121 of 14 July 2005).

On October 8, 2008 a meeting of representatives of NWFZs was held at UN Headquarters on the margins of the First Committee meetings organized by representative of Mexico as the current coordinator of NWFZ focal points. An exchange of views on issues pertaining to NWFZs and preparations for the second follow-up conference as well as for Prepcom III of NPT review conference on was held during that meeting. Representative of Mongolia proposed to hold a meeting of Focal Points of NWFZ treaties and Mongolia before prepcom III of NPT review conference to discuss in detail substantive preparations for these two important events to be held prior to 2010 NPT review conference, including a possible joint statement for the Prepcom of 2010 NPT conference.

It was also agreed during the October consultations that the meeting of focal points should be held on 27-28 April 2009 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia and could have the following agenda: Coordination and cooperation among NWFZs (role of focal points); Preparations for the Second conference of NWFZs; and Preparations for NPT Prepcom III (elements of the possible joint statement and how to proceed at Prepcom III) and other issues (if any).

Representative of Mexico and Mongolia have agreed to prepare some points that could form the basis of joint statement (if the parties agree) of NWFZs regarding issues of common interest that could be delivered at one of the sessions of Prepcom.

A letter of invitation will be sent to the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs of UN and, as observers, to some international NGOs that follow the issues of disarmament at UN fora.

The Mongolian hosts will bear the secretarial expenses during the meeting and will make arrangements for the easiest possible issuance of entry visas to Mongolia.

Please find enclosed a draft program of work and the up-dated list of focal points of NWFZ treaties and Mongolia.

Please respond to this invitation to Amb. Enkhsaikhan, the Mongolian Focal Point by e-mail at enkhsaikhanj@embassymon.at , or by fax at 43-1-5352-807-20 or by

ordinary mail at Ambassador Enkhsaikhan, Embassy of Mongolia, Fasangartengasse 45, 1130 Vienna, Austria.

Upon receipt of your response the Focal point will make the necessary arrangements to facilitate issuance of Mongolian entry visa. Since there are few flights to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, it is recommended to make early travel arrangements.

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