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<p>TO MEMBERS OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE NATO PA</p>

Dear Colleagues,

The 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) has been taking place in the UN Headquarters' building in New York since Monday 3 May. This conference will continue until Friday 28 May. The agenda and other relevant information can be found at the following location: <http://www.un.org/en/conf/npt/2010/>.

As you may know, the NPT is a landmark international treaty whose objective is to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and weapons technology, to promote cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and to further the goal of achieving nuclear disarmament. Conferences to review the operation of the Treaty have been held at five-year intervals since the Treaty went into effect in 1970.

The NATO Parliamentary Assembly holds the status of "Observer" at this Conference and as such, has been offered one designated seat in the General Assembly Hall throughout the conference. A delegation from the Assembly's Science and Technology Committee attended the Opening Session of the Conference on 3 May but no members are currently scheduled to participate during the remainder of the conference.

Should any members of your delegation have visits scheduled in New York in May for any reason and wish to attend part of the 2010 Review Conference, they would be most welcome to assume the seat reserved for our Assembly. Should that be the case, I would be grateful if you could contact Andrius Avizius, Director of the Science and Technology Committee (aavizius@nato-pa.int, tel. +32 (0)2 504 8141) for further practical details.

Yours sincerely,

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