



THE MIDDLE POWERS INITIATIVE,
BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE ATLANTA CONSULTATION III
AND THE SERIES OF ARTICLE VI FORUMS,
RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING POLICY OPTIONS TO THE
2010 NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE:

1. *Disarmament*: Reaffirm the unequivocal undertaking to accomplish the total elimination of nuclear arsenals. Encourage states parties, especially the nuclear weapon states, to initiate comprehensive national research and development programs to support continued progress toward a world free of nuclear weapons, including expanded work on verification technologies. Agree to begin collective preparatory work for negotiations on a convention or framework of instruments for the sustainable, verifiable and enforceable global elimination of nuclear weapons.
2. *Transparency*: Support establishment of a UN-based, comprehensive accounting system covering size of nuclear arsenals, delivery systems, fissile materials, and spending on nuclear forces.
3. *CTBT*: Support early entry-into-force of the CTBT. Oppose conditioning approval of the CTBT on programs inconsistent with the CTBT's role, stated in the treaty's preamble, as an "effective measure" in "constraining the development and qualitative improvement of nuclear weapons and ending the development of advanced new types of nuclear weapons."
4. *FMCT*: Support negotiations for a fissile materials treaty that comprehensively prevents the use of existing materials outside military programs for weapons acquisition and that fosters disarmament.
5. *Doctrines*: Reaffirm the commitment to a "diminishing role for nuclear weapons in security policies to minimize the risk that these weapons ever be used and to facilitate the process of their total elimination." Affirm that the record of non-use of nuclear weapons since World War II should be extended forever. Agree that nuclear weapon states will make legally-binding assurances of non-use of nuclear weapons against non-nuclear weapon states parties to the NPT that are in compliance with the obligation of non-acquisition of nuclear weapons. Encourage all states now part of nuclear alliances to take steps to reduce and phase out the role of nuclear weapons in their security doctrines.
6. *Nuclear forces*: Welcome the new agreement on strategic nuclear forces between the United States and Russian Federation. Agree to build on this progress through the following steps:
 - Accomplish further reductions in the US and Russian nuclear arsenals in their entirety, deployed and non-deployed, strategic and non-strategic, in accordance with the principles of irreversibility and verification, including through verified dismantlement of warheads. Include other states with nuclear arsenals in the reduction process as soon as possible, to be carried

- out in coordination with preparations and negotiations for a convention or framework of instruments for the global elimination of nuclear weapons;
- All states with nuclear weapons declare the size of their stockpiles and commit not to increase them;
 - Lower the operational status of nuclear forces and implement steps to reduce quick-launch capability;
 - Remove all nuclear weapons deployed on the territories of non-possessor states;
 - Refrain from activities inconsistent with moving toward a world free from nuclear weapons, including expanding capabilities to produce nuclear weapons, designing and manufacturing modified or new-design warheads, modernizing delivery systems, and retaining Cold War deployments based on long gone adversarial relationships.

7. *The Middle East Resolution*: Agree on methods to advance the commitments in the 1995 Middle East resolution, preferably a special representative empowered by the three NPT depository states or an international conference convened by the UN Secretary-General.

8. *Non-Proliferation and the Nuclear Fuel Cycle*: Agree that the Additional Protocol is a standard for compliance with non-proliferation obligations. Commit to the multilateral regulation of nuclear fuel production and supply, such as through the establishment of a low enriched uranium fuel bank to assure a guaranteed supply of nuclear reactor fuel. At the same time, encourage increased reliance on renewable sources of energy and joining and supporting the International Renewable Energy Agency.

9. *NPT Governance*: Agree to strengthen NPT governance by providing for meetings of states parties empowered to assess compliance with non-proliferation and disarmament requirements and to take decisions; establish a standing executive body; and establish a small secretariat.

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