

# United States Nuclear Posture Review

*Summary by Parliamentarians for Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament*

Objective: – To pave the way for a world without nuclear weapons, whilst in the meantime ensuring a safe and reliable nuclear deterrent.

## **1. Preventing nuclear proliferation and nuclear terrorism;**

- a. Bolster the NPT;
- b. Strengthen the IAEA safeguards and ensure compliance with them;
- c. Secure nuclear materials through the Global Nuclear Threat Reduction Initiative and the International Nuclear Material Protection and Cooperation Program;
- d. Pursue agreements that build collaborative arms control and nonproliferation regimes – including nuclear test ban treaty, fissile materials treaty and stockpile reduction treaties.

## **2. Reducing the role of U.S. nuclear weapons in U.S. national security strategy;**

- a. Primary purpose to deter nuclear weapons (and will work towards making this the sole purpose);
- b. Affirm “negative security assurances” that the United States will not use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear weapons states that are party to the NPT and in compliance with their nuclear non-proliferation obligations.

## **3. Maintaining strategic deterrence and stability at reduced nuclear force levels;**

- a. Ratify the new START treaty with Russia;
- b. Increase the contribution of non-nuclear systems to US regional deterrence and assurances in order to reduce the role of nuclear weapons;
- c. Maximise the Presidential decision time in a nuclear crisis;
- d. Reinforce diplomatic measures for strategic stability through fostering more stable, resilient, and transparent strategic relationships;
- e. Eliminate the Tomahawk, nuclear-equipped, sea-launched cruise missile;
- f. Commit to additional near-future reductions in deployed and stockpiled weapons;

## **4. Strengthening regional deterrence and reassuring U.S. allies and partners;**

- a. Affirm “negative security assurances”;
- b. Ensure that changes in NATO nuclear posture should only be taken after a thorough review within – and decision by – the Alliance;
- c. Increase the reliance on non-nuclear elements to strengthen regional security architectures;

## **5. Sustaining a safe, secure, and effective nuclear arsenal.**

- a. Maintain arsenal without nuclear testing or developing new nuclear weapons;
- b. Study options for ensuring the safety, security, and reliability of nuclear warheads on a case-by-case basis;
- c. Strengthen the science, technology and engineering base, vital for stockpile stewardship;

## **6. Looking ahead to a world without nuclear weapons**

- a. Initiate a comprehensive national research and development program to support continued progress toward a world free of nuclear weapons, including expanded work on verification technologies and the development of transparency measures.
- b. Following substantial further nuclear force reductions with Russia, engage other states possessing nuclear weapons, over time, in a multilateral effort to limit, reduce, and eventually eliminate all nuclear weapons worldwide;