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;