

CASE FOR GLOBAL NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

Former U.S. policy authorities (Shultz, Perry, Kissinger, Nunn) make the case in Wall Street Journal op-ed "A World Free of Nuclear Weapons" January 4, 2007

KEY POINTS

- *** U.S. must reduce reliance on nuclear weapons to prevent further proliferation of nuclear threats.**
- *** Mutual nuclear deterrence is an obsolete doctrine.**
- *** New nuclear threats are increasing, including from non-state terrorists.**
- *** Non-proliferation efforts are strong but still inadequate. New nuclear states (Pakistan et. al.) lack arsenal safeguards.**
- *** The Reagan - Gorbachev vision of global nuclear disarmament must be implemented by concrete, urgent actions.**

PRACTICAL MEASURES -- STEPS TO BE AGREED TO BY NUCLEAR WEAPON POWERS

- *** Reduce accidental war risks by stretching response alerts for retaliatory missiles and bombers (no "hair trigger" alert)**
- *** Substantially reduce ALL nuclear arsenals. Ratify Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT).**
- *** Eliminate short-range nuclear weapons.**
- *** Establish reliable security for warhead and fissile material stockpiles.**
- *** Halt fissile material production; establish controls over uranium enrichment.**
- *** Resolve regional situations which might spur new nuclear states.**

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