

## **DETERRENCE ALONE WILL NOT REDUCE NUCLEAR DANGERS**

The 2022 Nuclear Posture Review (NPR) recognizes that deterrence alone will not reduce nuclear dangers. Arms control, risk reduction, and nuclear non-proliferation play indispensable roles and are mutually reinforcing tools for preserving stability, deterring aggression and escalation, and avoiding arms racing and nuclear war. That is why one of the Administration's first acts was to extend the New START Treaty for the full five-years provided in the Treaty. The NPR places renewed emphasis on arms control, nuclear non-proliferation, and risk reduction. We will continue to pursue practical steps to reduce the role of nuclear weapons globally and enhance stability through arms control arrangements that address the full range of nuclear threats and advance our global non-proliferation interests.

Consistent with our commitment to put diplomacy first, the United States will pursue new arms control arrangements that address the full range of nuclear threats and advance our global non-proliferation. We remain dedicated to preserving and strengthening the nuclear arms control and non-proliferation regime as follows:

▶ **Nuclear Arms Control**

- Negotiating a new framework to the New START Treaty to extend verifiable limits on Russian strategic systems, and seeking to include all U.S. and Russian nuclear systems in such a framework.
- Managing risks with the People's Republic of China (PRC) and addressing the full range of bilateral strategic issues.
- Seeking transparency into the PRC fissile material production and pressing for a fissile material production moratorium.
- Developing new technical capabilities for verification and monitoring.
- Fostering a new generation of arms control expertise to support future arms control efforts.

▶ **Nuclear Nonproliferation**

- Preserving and strengthening the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.
- Preventing Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon.
- Pressing North Korea to comply with its United Nations obligations and return to negotiations to verifiably eliminate its nuclear program.

▶ **Multilateral Arms Control and Disarmament**

- Supporting the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and operation of the International Monitoring System.
- Supporting commencement of consensus-based Fissile Material Cutoff Treaty negotiations.

▶ **Nuclear Counterterrorism**

- Advancing core elements of the U.S. counterterrorism strategy.
- Increasing investment in technical nuclear forensic tools and capabilities.

## **A CHALLENGING SECURITY ENVIRONMENT**

Developments in the security environment make our arms control and nuclear non-proliferation goals both challenging and more pressing. Unilateral steps by the United States are not an effective approach. We should recall that even during the darkest days of the Cold War, the United States and Russia found it was in our mutual interest to work together to reduce the nuclear threat. Mutual, verifiable nuclear arms control with willing partners offers the most effective and durable path to reducing the role of nuclear weapons globally.