

Letter to Obama on Proposed Reductions in Nuclear Weapons

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RE: REDUCTIONS IN US NUCLEAR WEAPONS

President Barack Obama

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Dear President Obama,
Dear Congressional Strategic
Weapons Subcommittees,
Dear Policymakers,

The undersigned groups write to you in response to recent reports to the effect that you may be considering significant further decreases in US strategic nuclear forces.

We strongly support such reductions, and would wish to affirm in the strongest possible terms, that:

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Deterring aggression against the United States (and any other States) in the 21st Century can rely more and more on non-nuclear means thus reducing or eliminating any need to rely on nuclear weapons;

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the global elimination of nuclear weapons, under strict and effective international control, is an obligation and commitment of all nuclear weapons possessing states;

* Leadership of the United States in drastically reducing nuclear stockpiles will stimulate and enable reciprocal reductions and negotiations for bilateral, pluri-lateral and multilateral nuclear disarmament;

*As an imperative for both human survival and the security of States, nuclear disarmament must take a priority in the achievement of national security. Indeed, the speedy achievement of a nuclear weapons free world should be considered as amongst the highest security goals of US and other nations.

*That those who argue that the US must indefinitely maintain large nuclear forces for a variety of security tasks that can be better met by other means place the security of the United States and the whole world in jeopardy.

Your attention is drawn to the work on nuclear winter done most recently (since 2006) by Toon and Robock, and others, showing that the use of even a small portion of global nuclear arsenals could cause global famines that could last for up to a decade, and that a US-Russia nuclear exchange would bring about temperatures not experienced since the last ice age.

We commend the United States for joining the other States Parties to the NPT in 2010 to highlight that any use of nuclear weapons would create catastrophic humanitarian consequences, and we draw Your attention to the declaration by 16 governments at the May2012 NPT Prepcom on Catastrophic Humanitarian Effects of Nuclear Weapons Use, and to both the international law implications of that issue and to its real implications for the continuance of civilisation and human survival.

Your attention is also drawn to recent reports and arguments by a number of US military experts including former US Commander James Cartwright for Global Zero showing that deep reductions in US forces are both practical and helpful to US security and global stability.

We strongly urge you to implement deep reductions as a step towards the complete global elimination of nuclear arsenals worldwide with the knowledge that such steps are strongly supported by public opinion, other States, international organisations, common sense, and

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