



2010 REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Press Release

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The Eighth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

New York. The 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will meet at the United Nations in New York from 3 to 28 May 2010. The President-elect of the Conference is Ambassador Libran N. Cabactulan (Philippines).

Article VIII, paragraph 3 of the NPT provides for a review of the operation of the Treaty every five years. States parties reaffirmed and strengthened the implementation of this provision at the 1995 NPT Review and Extension Conference and at the 2000 NPT Review Conference.

At the 2010 NPT Review Conference, States parties will examine the implementation of the Treaty's provisions since 2005.

The NPT is a landmark international treaty whose objective is to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and weapons technology, to promote cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and to further the goals of achieving nuclear disarmament and general and complete disarmament. The NPT represents the only binding commitment in a multilateral treaty to the goal of nuclear disarmament by the nuclear-weapon States.

Opened for signature in 1968, the Treaty entered into force in 1970. The NPT has demonstrated its effectiveness as the cornerstone of the global nuclear non-proliferation regime. Adherence to the Treaty by 189 States, including the five nuclear-weapon States, renders the Treaty the most widely adhered to multilateral disarmament agreement.

The Review Conference is expected to consider a number of issues, including those discussed at the 2005 Conference: universality of the Treaty; nuclear disarmament, including specific practical measures; nuclear non-proliferation; including compliance with Treaty provisions, the promoting and strengthening of safeguards, measures to advance the peaceful use of nuclear energy; safety and security; regional disarmament and non-proliferation; implementation of the 1995 resolution on the Middle East; measures to address withdrawal from the Treaty; measures to further strengthen the review process; and ways to promote engagement with civil society in strengthening NPT norms and in promoting disarmament education.

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