

*Proliferation and Disarmament* adopted at the 1995 NPT Review and Extension Conference, especially the call for an early conclusion of negotiations on a non-discriminatory and universally applicable convention banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, and to the relevant nuclear disarmament agreements ;

- recognition that the primary responsibility for the safe management of weapons fissile material designated as no longer required for defence purposes rests with the nuclear weapons states themselves but that other states and international organizations are welcome to assist where desired ;

- support for efforts to rapidly ensure that separated plutonium and highly-enriched uranium, including that from dismantled weapons, are stored and handled under physical protection, accounting and control measures that meet the highest international standards and that ensure effective non-proliferation controls;

- the placing of fissile material designated as no longer required for defence purposes by the weapons states under IAEA-safeguards (under the relevant voluntary offer I.A.E.A.- safeguards agreements) as soon as it is practicable to do so, consistently with non-proliferation, economic, safety and environmental requirements, and that appropriate resources for safeguarding these stocks should be provided ;

- the importance of the steps that the United States and the Russian Federation have taken to blend highly-enriched uranium (HEU) from dismantled nuclear weapons to low-enriched uranium (LEU) for peaceful non-explosive purposes, of the cooperation programs of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, the United States and other states with the Russian Federation for the safe storage, the peaceful uses of fissile material released by the dismantlement of nuclear weapons and their safe and secure transportation for that purpose, and of other efforts along these lines ;

- declaration that weapons fissile material designated as no longer required for defence purposes will never again be used for nuclear explosive purposes and that effective management of this material will aim to reduce stocks of separated plutonium and highly-enriched uranium (HEU) through peaceful non-explosive use or safe and final disposal as soon as practicable ; and

- recognition of the importance of increasing transparency in the management of plutonium designated as not required for defence purposes.

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