

- The NATO Strategic Concept must be revised to remove the centrality of nuclear weapons. While NATO operationally considers nuclear weapons essential to providing security against any form of attack, it is in no position to suggest that such weapons are not equally important to any others.
- The de-alerting of strategic nuclear weapons, particularly de-mating warheads from delivery systems, draws these weapons as far from the routine security policy of the NWSs as is possible, without disarmament.

The report also suggests that these two measures can usefully be supported by a number of the others surveyed: legally-binding negative security assurances and no-first-use declarations; the removal from deployment of non-strategic nuclear weapons; and, negotiations on further nuclear arms reductions, which would include all five nuclear weapon states.

These measures are mutually supporting, and would form an important advance in the delegitimation of nuclear weapons on the road to nuclear disarmament. The report also considers a number of other possible measures, most of which may be useful but not of high priority. In light of these findings, the report makes five recommendations for Canadian policy:

1. Canada should press its NATO allies to reconsider the Strategic Concept, as soon as possible, and argue for it to be changed as proposed in the Appendix to this report.
2. Canada should quietly explore the possibilities for a consensus on the removal of American tactical nuclear weapons from Europe, and the commitment to base Alliance nuclear weapons only on the territories of the NWS Allies.
3. Canada should join with the New Agenda Coalition in urging, in particular, the de-mating of strategic warheads from their delivery systems by the NWSs, and legally-binding negative security assurances and no-first-use declarations.

In pressing for the de-mating of nuclear weapons, Canada should recommend that all reference to avoiding accidental nuclear war be omitted. Rather, the measures should be promoted in terms of their confidence-building contribution to Article VI and to bringing nuclear strategy in line with the ICJ's 1996 ruling on the legality of the threat and use of nuclear weapons.

4. Canada should refuse to integrate NORAD into any proposed American Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) system.
5. Canada should propose the use of the NPT Prepcom/Review process as the logical institutional home for a five-power negotiation on nuclear reductions.