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Meanwhile, India and Pakistan, two neighbouring nuclear rivals, continue to develop new ballistic and cruise missile systems capable of delivering nuclear weapons.

"They are also expanding their capacities to produce fissile material for military purposes," says <u>SIPRI</u>, an independent international research institute focusing on arms control and disarmament.

Still, there has been little progress towards nuclear disarmament, despite the reduction in the number of weapons.

Asked about the disparity, Jonathan Granoff, president of the <u>Global Security Institute</u>, told IPS that "quantitative reductions are of course to be praised, despite the qualitative offsets of modernisation and robust funding of the nuclear weapons enterprise."

However, overall progress will only be achieved when the compass point of elimination is clearly set as the collective goal of nuclear haves and have-nots together, he pointed out.

Such clarity depends upon commencing the preparatory process to move unambiguously toward a universal legally enforceable non- discriminatory ban on nuclear weapons achieved by a convention or by a framework of instruments.

"With such a clear commitment, the step-by-step incremental quantitative reductions will have enhanced meaning toward downgrading the political and military significance of the weapons," he added.

The essential element, he said, is the collective commitment to universal abolition. "Rhetoric in this regard is credible only when backed by action," Granoff declared.

SIPRI senior researcher Shannon Kile said it is a stretch to say that the New START cuts agreed by the United States and Russia are a genuine step towards nuclear disarmament when their planning for nuclear forces is done on a time scale that encompasses decades, and when nuclear modernisation is a major priority of their defence policies.

Jackie Cabasso, executive director of the <u>Western States Legal Foundation</u> (WSLF), which monitors and analyses U.S. nuclear weapons programmes, told IPS the SIPRI report validates what she has been saying for years - at least since the mid-1990s in connection with the failed deal for U.S. Senate ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) - essentially that U.S. nuclear weapons planning is based on the concept of "fewer but newer; nuclear weapons forever". **O**



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The fact that the numbers of nuclear weapons have been drastically reduced since their mind-boggling peak has been generally confused with disarmament, when in fact, more than 20,000 nuclear weapons in the hands of eight or nine states continues to represent an intolerable threat to humanity and the earth, she noted.

Despite the end of the Cold War, and despite U.S. President Barack Obama's lofty disarmament rhetoric, the threatened first use of nuclear weapons remains at the core of the national security policy of the only country that has thus far used nuclear weapons in war - the United States, she pointed out.

And this is mirrored in the national security policies of most of the other nuclear armed states.

The failed U.S. Senate CTBT ratification deal, which cemented ever- increasing funding for the Stockpile Stewardship nuclear weapons modernisation programme was replicated on steroids in the START ratification package.

This package essentially renders START as an anti-disarmament measure, projecting modernisation of nuclear warheads and their delivery system decades into the future, said Cabasso, winner of the 2008 Sean MacBride Peace Prize awarded by the International Peace Bureau.

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Since taking charge of the White House in January 2009, Obama has given speeches championing the cause of global nuclear disarmament, but like his predecessors, has shied away from setting a deadline for complete abolition of nuclear weapons in his country and abroad.

"He has said nice things about nuclear disarmament," Krieger told IPS. "But, apparently, he has agreed to spend over 200 billion dollars on nuclear weapons modernisation." Krieger noted that the so-called "new" nuclear weapons programme also includes nuke-carrying drones.

"It's a long-distance killing," said Krieger. "Drones with nuclear weapons are inappropriate. That's an invitation to nuclear chaos," he added, expressing concerns that other states suspected of having or developing nuclear weapons programmes would be more defiant in the coming years. For more than a decade, the U.S. nuclear policy establishment has cracked down on Iran and North Korea, the first for allegedly trying to develop nuclear weapons and the second for its avowed nuclear programme, but has not given a clear signal about when it would be ready to destroy its own huge nuclear arsenal. \bigcirc



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Krieger's foundation, which is part of the <u>Middle Powers Initiative</u> (MPI), an umbrella group of eight major international disarmament organisations, is currently involved in lobbying efforts to speed up the U.N.-led process towards nuclear non-proliferation and complete disarmament.

The MPI stands for a "verifiable, irreversible and enforceable legal ban on nuclear weapons" and wants urgent action on U.N. chief Ban Ki- moon's five-point proposal for nuclear disarmament, which calls for the development of "mutually reinforcing" framework agreements or a nuclear weapons convention.

"The overwhelming desire of governments and people for the abolition of nuclear weapons requires practical action," MPI chairman Richard Butler said in a statement sent to IPS last week. "Nuclear weapons' continued existence threatens all and poses unacceptable risks."

The MPI is lobbying world diplomats for their support to implement Article VI of the <u>Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty</u> (NPT) in which the nuclear states commit themselves to the elimination of nuclear weapons.

Last week, Butler, a veteran Australian diplomat who has served the U.N. as nuclear weapons inspector, presented a brief to the governments at the U.N. as part of MPI's ongoing project to ensure implementation of agreements under the NPT.

While he was preparing to have talks with fellow diplomats at the U.N. headquarters in New York on disarmament actions last week, MPI founder Senator Douglas Roche of Canada embarked on a world tour for the same reason.

Before his departure to Europe, Russia, China and India, Roche, who has been nominated for Nobel Prize, noted in a statement that landmines and cluster munitions had been banned by treaty "once people realised the humanitarian consequences of their continued use."

He went on: "There is now similar realisation of the threat to humanity, not just if nuclear weapons are used, but by the threat of use, their possession and their proliferation."

For his part, Krieger admires his Canadian counterpart's efforts for nuclear disarmament and peace, but, at the same time, he is wary of the consequences of actions that the U.S. Congress and the administration might take in the coming days.

"It's a huge problem for the U.S. to continue seeking domination in the world," he told IPS. In his view, the policymakers in Washington must realise that the security of the U.S. does not lie in increasing the military budget, but in cutting it substantially.

"The increase [in spending] on nuclear weapons would send a message to the world is that the U.S. is not serious about nuclear disarmament," he concluded.

The Wisdom of Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Archbishop Desmond Tutu traveled to Santa Barbara in May 2011 to support the work of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation. Archbishop Tutu, a recipient of the Foundation's Distinguished Peace Leadership Award, has served on the NAPF Advisory Council since 1990.





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موريك الملك وزرانية الى بعر الملك الجيد عد من الالحكة الماريكي الملكوني. "مع ذلك فن كل من الولنين أما بعد تقر انقلة الملكن الملحة تورية جوية أو اعل عن ير أبع التعالي وزران الحل عن مسم". وفي الولت تفته، وصلت الهند وبالكنان المحسين الثورين الجارين، تقوير انقلية مواريخ جينية وفي الولت تفته، وصلت الهند وبالكنان المحسين الثورين الجارين، تقوير انقلية مواريخ جينية الملة تلغ ومواريخ كروز قادر على ممل أملة تورية، وفقا للقزير الذي أسنة مواريخ جينية ما وقد عمر معهد ابتركيول قدولي لإبعات الساكر، وم حركز اليعرث المستقل الذي يركز على المنا قدراتهما على تقالي أمراد الانتشارية لأخراط صلكي". وقال موذلان عرارة والدي أمر يتواعق أي نقد بنكر نحو نزع الملاح الذي يركز على الا ممن عندن الالملحة الذي. والا موذلان عرارة الملحية الذي. التي المقدمات الكرية المدى الملحية الذي. التي المقدمات الكرية والدي من على الا على، ودا على مول تركلة الار يرم، والتك على الا على مورية المارية المارية الماري. ولا تي في في مريز علي الي من المالي، ودا على مول تركلة الار يرم، والا لل المامي والا موزلان على المارية المالي، ودا على مول عرب من معلمات التعديك الول ال المامي والا موزلان على المارية الذي الله المارية المارية الا مالي المارية والداع مالية مالية مرد عو نصوري، من ملكان القادية المارية والي طرف من معلمات التحديك الارية المارية المامي والا من المارية المالية القادية المارية وال مع من معلمات التحديث الور والي المارية المامي والانه المالية المالية المارية المارية والي مع من معلمات الحديث الور الالي المامي من مولية المالية المالية المالية والي على من معلمات المعرف والالي المارية المامي والانه المالية للاسلية الموزية والي العالي المالية والولي في المعية المالية المالية المالية المالية والالي معامية والالي المالية المالية المالية المالية المالي عام المعين الي والي المالية والولة المامي من مولية المالية المالية للماسلية المالية المالية والي من مع موالي المالية والمالية والايات المامية وروميا بورجب المالية المالية المالية المالية المالية المالية على المالية المالي والول من من ألميا معلمان المالية وروميا والي والي المالية عن من مع موزل بال الميلية والمالية والي المالية المالي والول من من ألميا معلمان المالية وال توروبة في مي موز مولي واليه في مولاية المالية و	ويشار إلي أن الكونترس الأحروي ينقل حاليا إندل تغنيضات في المزانية المقلة، وبالتلي قند تكرن من غير المؤقع أن ينفر علية التراب في ممامة إبادة بارزك أوباما الآن عن الأسفن المقلقي وراء عن من الكه نيفيد كاريمن رئيسة عبد السلام ومقر ها الرلايات المتعدة، أن طلب الموتي الإمريكي زيادة التحويل المستقد وتحديث الأسلحة الثورية يتاقض تماما مع التزام نزج السلاح قنوري. المتد توليك الزناسة في يونكر 2000، ألقي أوبنا مشلة من المطلب المتامرة تقريرة النزلام التروي غير المعينة، وتحديث الأسلحة التروية يتاقض تماما مع التزام نزج السلاح التروي غير المستقد وتحديث الأسلحة التروية يتاقض تماما مع التزام نزج السلاح قنوري. التروي غير المعينة، وتحديث الأسلحة الذروية بتاقض المناصرة تقديق السلاح التروي غير المعينة، وتحديث الأسلحة الذروية يتاقض تماما مع الترام نزج السلاح قنوري الاسلحة التروية في الحدو مخارجها. الاسلاح التروي الكام على ما يعو، والق على انقل ما يزيد على 200 مليار مو لار على تحديث الاسلحة التروية العام عليهم، والق على انقل ما يزيد على 200 مليار مو لار على تحديث الاسلحة التروية العام عليهم، والق على انقل ما يزيد على 200 مليار مو لار على تحديث الإسلحة التروية العام عليهم والق علية يقال ما يزيد على 200 مليار مو لار على تحديث الإسلحة التروية العام عليه والق علية يقل ما يزيد على 200 مليار مولار على تحديث المالح التروية المام عليه التروية. وراعرب عن مناوف قيام مول أخرى ينشيه في معازتها أو تطوير ها ليوار العام ملية نورية بالأسلمة من التحوية مو "دعوة إلى التوضى التروية. من التحق الذري في المانوات القياة. من التحق الذري في المانوات القياة.	رگان ایدیپ میراند. این ایدان این این این این این این این این این ا
الالمة الذرية من الدين معنى العلان ولن وزيد فوره ملى عرد موريه، ومن من سبب لمدين الالمة الذرية مس كلى كاراس، المنزة للتظينة لنوسمه الدول الغربية التقونية المعنية برصد وتخلل براحيا الاسلمة الدورية في الإنان المتحدة، إن تقرير سميه البري العربية ولتقونية المعنية برصد وتخلل على تجرب الاسلمة الدورية في الإنان المتحدة، إن تقرير سميه المركول الدولي يوكه صحة ما بات رفكي اعتداء الملحة أدورية في الإنار. ولكن اعتداء الملحة أورية في الإنار. الملحة بنيه رسيا لرع لمناح الفروية في معن الايزل الكلر من 00000 سائحة الدورية عن الإنار الملح بنيه رسيان ولماسلاح الفروية في مين لا يزل الكلر من 00000 سائحة الزواني الألي أوليا الملح بنية رسيا لرع المناح الفروية في مين لا يزل الكلر من 00000 سائحة الورية الذي الإنان الملح ربية رضا الترية لا يزل التهدية ولا عن مين الاطل الملحة الدورية المحقية الإنار معنى معنى الماسلة والمناح المالية ولا تعين المال من من الاطل الملحة الورية من الالي وي معنى معني المالية والمناح الملحة ولا تعين الانين الالمالية الملحة الورية من الالي الالي معنى معني والمالية الملحة ولا تعليم الذي ولا تولية من الاليل الملح، والارض. معني معني والمالية الملحة ولان لعينية مع من الالمامة الورية والارض. معني والقا لعليم الا يزل التهد ولا تعين الالمام الورية والارض. معني والاليلية الالية والاليلة ولا يلاز التوليس واليولية ولا ولا الملح، والارض. معني والا ولايات الملحة الملحة ولان العربية ولا ولا إلى الملحة الورية الالي الملحة الورية ولايات الملحة، والا العليم المالية والملح الملحة مول اللي العلم ولا ولا ولا ولا الملحم الولي العربية من الملحة الملح والملح الملحة الملحة مول اللي ولا ولا ولا ولا الملحة الورية العربية الولايات. معني والا الملح ولا الملحة الملحة مول اللي العربية الولية الولية الولية ولا العربية ولا العربية الولية الولية الولية الولية الولين ولا ولا ولايات. معني والا الولي ولاله وليانة الملحة مول العرب العلم الول الأخري الملحة الولية ولى الملحة الولي ولايات ولالي ملحة ولال الملحة الملحة مول اللول الالولي العربية ولالي الملحة الولية ولى الملحة الولي الملحة الولي العربي الول اللعربي الولي العربي الولايات الملحة الولي العربي الولايات الملحة الولي العربي الوليي العربي العربي العربي العربي الول اللحري الولي العربي الولي الع	هذا وتقترك مؤسسة عبد السلام التي يؤد أسها كو يور، والشائر كة في "سلارة الذي الأوسط" التي تضم تشاية من كبرى المنقدات التولية النائسة في مجال نزع السلاح، تقارك في الجهود الراسة إلى وتافع المنازمة عن مشيرة قرض "معظر قانون ميكن التحقق نميه ولا رجمة فيه وقان التعليق، الأسلمة التوليه، التقادر وبال منا عملة قانون ميكن التحقق نميه ولا رجمة فيه وقان التعليق، الأسلمة التوليه، التقادر وبالا ربان عنامة القادر التحقق المعار الاسم المتحدة دي معار الاسلمة التوليه، التقادر وبالا من علية العربة التعلق من عار الامم المتحدة بن من من من الأسلمة التوليه، التقادر وبالذاتي بدعر الى إبرام التقانيات بطارية ميادلة أو معاهدة تولية المعالمي الأسلمة التولية. يون المكومات والتصوب في الغادة الأسلمة التورية، التغاذ الجواعات عشرية»، محترا من أن "وجود الإسلمة التورية المعادر وبعد الميام مقال على مختلرا عبر مقولة". كما تواصل المبادرة عو التوليم الميان في العلم التعليقيات إطار التولية العلية المائة الأسلمة التورية المعادرة مع التوليم الميان على مختلرا عبر مقولة "لتطلي الأسلمة التورية المعادرة على الميام التولية التعاد الجواعات عشرية». محترا من أن "وجود الإسلامة التورية الميان ولينا الأسلمة التورية، التفا الجواعات عشرية"، محترا من أن "وجود الأسلمة التورية المعادرة عو التوليم الميان على معاد للم المعاد ولي عد العلية. الأسلمة التورية المعادر وبعد الميادر ولي العاد التعلية عليه المعاد الميان التعليق المائة الأسلمة التورية المعادرة ومو التيار الأسلمة التورية، والتي تلام العار المولية لي المائة الأسلمة التورية. الأسلمة التورية المعادة التورية، موجرا المكومات في المرام المتحدة يورية والتي الام التولية ولي المائة التورية. وفي الأسوم التورية الميادة التورية، ومو التيار الأسلمة التورية والتي تلام المولية المولية المائة المائمة التورية المائية التورية المولية التورية، ولي التولية المائة التورية ولي يوبيا المائة على التولية التورية. وفي الأسلمة التورية، موجرا المكومات في المرام المتحدة التورية ولي المولية ولي ولي المولية المولية المولية المولية التورية ولي المولية المولية ولي المولية المولية المولية التورية المائم المولية المولية المولية التورية ولي التورية المولية التورية المولية المولية المولية التورية المولية الزمو المولية المولية الموليقولية ولي الموليق	

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Nukes Decline, But Disarmament Still a Distant Horizon **JAPANESE**



のコミットメントであり、「これに関してはレトリックも行動 が伴って初めて信用に足るということになるのです。」とグラ ノフ氏は語った。



資料:Sha 米国の核兵騎計画を監視、分析している西部諸州法律財団 (WSLF) のジャクリーン・カバッソ事務局長は「SIPRI年次報告書は、私が長年に言って-(Note) のアイフランジョンションの加速に、GTBT)の批准を担否したことに関連して1 990年代半ばから指摘してきた点を実証するものです。つまり、米国の核兵器計画は、『た とえ数は削減しても、より近代化された核兵器で水達に優位を保つ』というコンセプトに基づい

「核弾頭数が想像を絶する夥しい数にのぼったピーク時から比べると現在は大幅に削減さ れていることから、一般にこれを軍務と提同する傾向があります。しかし、20、000 発を超える初期頭が進か8歳いは9カ国の掌中にあり、人類と地球にとって耐え難い脅威 であり続けているというのが今日の現実なのです。1とカバッソ氏は強調した。



ているのです。」と語った。

「冷戦が終わり、バラク・オバマ大統領が高尚な軍結レトリ タを唱えている一方で、核兵器の先制使用が、依然として 米国一これまで戦争で核兵器を使用した唯一の国一の安全 **呆陽政策の根幹を占めているのです。」とカバッソ氏は指摘** 1.1-

そしてこうした米国の核兵器の先制使用を基礎に置く核抑 上政策は、他の核兵器保有国の大半の国々における安全保障 政策に反映されている。

また SIPRI は、隣接する核兵器保有国インド・パキス タン両国については、核弾頭の装着が可能な新型弾道ミ サイルや巡航ミサイルの開発を引き続き進めているほ か、「核兵器製造目的で核分裂性物質の生産能力拡大を 推進している。」と分析している。

従って、世界の核弾頭数は確かに減少しているが、核軍 縮は依然として、ほとんど進展していない状況にある。

この状況について、グローバル安全保障研究所 (GSI)のジョナサン・グラノフ所長は、「量 的な側面だけ見れば、もちろん核弾頭数が削減されたことは評価すべきでしょう。しかし質的な 側面にも着目すれば、核兵器事業に多額の資金が投入され核兵器の近代化が進められている現実 も踏まえる必要があります。」と語った。

グラノフ氏は、「核軍縮に向けた全般的な進歩というものは、核兵器保有国と非保有国が協 力して、核廃絶という方向性を共通の目的として明確に設定することができて初めて成し 遂げることができるのです。」と指摘した。



Jonathan Granoff 資料:Wikimedia Commo

そのような明確な方向性を打ち出せるかどうかは、 今後国際社会が、国際協定や法律文書の枠組みを通 じて法的拘束力を持ち例外なく適用される核算器器 止に向けて、準備プロセスに着手できるかどうかに かかっている。

新料: allpakistan

「そのような明確なコミットメントがあれば、段階 的に核弾頭数を削減することが、すなわち核兵器の 政治的・軍事的重要性を引き下げることにつながる という意味合いを持たすことができるのです。」とグ ラノフ氏は付け加えた。

最も重要な点は、核兵器を廃絶するという国際社会

かつて米国上院の CTBT 批准拒否は、その後の「核 兵器の近代化及び備著性能維持計画」に巨額の政府 予算を投入する道筋をつけることとなったが、今回 の上院による新 START 批准承認は、この傾向にさら に拍車をかける結果となった(例:オバマ政権は核兵 器近代化5カ年計画のために850億ドルの支出を約 **查**等)。

「こうした新 START 批准承認を条件とした上院の 要求をオパマ政権が受け入れた結果、START プロセ スは向こう数十年に亘って核弾頭及び運搬手段の近



資料 : Jackie Cahasa

代化を伴うものとなり、事実上軍縮の流れに反するものとなってしまっているのです。」と 2008年に「国際平和ビューロー」のショーン・マクブライド平和賞を受賞したカバッ ソ氏は語った。(06.07.2011)

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Pentagon will mehr Geld für Atomwaffen – Rückschlag für nukleare Abrüstung befürchtet

Von Haider Rizvi und Thalif Deen

New York (IPS) – In den USA haben unabhängige Analysten Pläne des Pentagons kritisiert, die Ausgaben für Atomwaffen zu erhöhen. Damit würden die Bemühungen, eine atomwaffenfreie Welt zu schaffen, unterlaufen.

Nach den Vorstellungen der US-amerikanischen Streitkräfte soll der Kongress für die nächsten zehn Jahre 213 Milliarden US-Dollar für die Modernisierung der Atomwaffen und ihrer Trägersysteme bewilligen. Derzeit geben die USA im Schnitt 54 Milliarden Dollar im Jahr für die Erhaltung ihrer nuklearen Schlagkraft aus.

Das Stockholmer Friedensforschungsinstitut SIPRI gibt die Zahl der in US-Arsenalen befindlichen Atomwaffen in seinem neuen Jahrbuch 2011 mit 8.500 an. Russland soll sogar über 11.000 Kernwaffen verfügen, Frankreich über 300, China über 240, Großbritannien über 225, Pakistan 90 bis 110, Indien mit über 80 bis 110 und Israel über 80.

Experten zufolge soll ein Teil der vom US-Militär geforderten Finanzmittel für die Anschaffung neuer Drohnen, U-Boote, Interkontinentalraketen und den Bau einer neuen Generation von Atomwaffen ausgegeben werden.

Der Kongress debattiert derzeit über Einschnitte in das nächste Budget. Aller Wahrscheinlichkeit nach, werden die Mehrheit der Abgeordneten und die Regierung von Präsident Barack Obama die Gründe für die Entwicklung neuer Atomwaffensysteme nicht hinterfragen.

Seit Amtsantritt im Januar 2009 hat sich Obama zwar in zahlreichen Reden für die atomare Abrüstung ausgesprochen. Doch wie schon seine Vorgänger hat er sich auf einen konkreten Zeitpunkt für die Abschaffung von Kernwaffen in den USA und anderswo nicht festgelegt.

Kritik an Obama

"Er mag nette Dinge zugunsten der nuklearen Abrüstung gesagt haben, allerdings hat er offenbar auch den Ausgaben in Höhe von mehr als 200 Milliarden Dollar zur Modernisierung der Atomwaffenarsenale zugestimmt", sagte David Krieger, Direktor der 'Nuclear Age Peace Foundation' gegenüber IPS. Er wies ferner darauf hin, dass das sogenannte neue Atomwaffenprogramm Drohnen beinhalte, die mit atomaren Sprengköpfen bestückt werden können. Solche Waffen seien eine Einladung an andere Staaten zur nuklearen Aufrüstung.

Seit über einem Jahrzehnt üben die USA Druck auf den Iran und Nordkorea aus – Staaten, die im Verdacht stehen, Atomwaffen zu entwickeln, oder die Arbeit an einem Atomwaffenprogramm eingeräumt haben. Selbst schweigt sich die Regierung in Washington darüber aus, wann sie ihre eigenen und riesigen Atomwaffenarsenale vernichten wird. ⊃



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2.000 Kernwaffen im Zustand 'hoher Einsatzalarmbereitschaft'

Derzeit besitzen die acht Atommächte USA, Großbritannien, Russland, Frankreich, China, Indien und Pakistan SIPRI zufolge insgesamt 20.500 Atomwaffen, 2.000 weniger als 2009. Doch mehr als 5.000 dieser zerstörerischen Waffen sind einsatzbereit. 2.000 von ihnen befinden sich sogar in einem 'Zustand hoher Einsatzalarmbereitschaft'.

Kriegers Stiftung ist Teil der 'Middle Powers Initiative' (MRI), ein Dachverband von acht großen internationalen Abrüstungsorganisationen, die den von den Vereinten Nationen vorangetriebenen Prozess der Nichtverbreitung von Atomwaffen und der vollständigen nuklearen Abrüstung unterstützen.

Die MRI steht für ein nachvollziehbares, irreversibles und einklagbares Kernwaffenverbot. Sie drängt die internationale Gemeinschaft dazu, möglichst rasch auf den Fünf-Punkte-Plan von UN-Generalsekretär Ban Ki-moon zur nuklearen Abrüstung zu reagieren. Der Plan sieht die "gegenseitige Verstärkung" von Rahmenabkommen oder eine Atomwaffenkonvention vor.

"Der Wunsch einer überwältigenden Mehrheit von Regierungen und Menschen, Atomwaffen abzuschaffen, verlangt Handeln", sagte der MRI-Vorsitzende Richard Butler in einer IPS vorliegenden Mitteilung. "Die fortgesetzte Existenz von Atomwaffen bedroht uns alle und birgt unannehmbare Risiken."

Die MRI wirbt derzeit bei UN-Diplomaten um Unterstützung für die Umsetzung von Artikel VI des Atomwaffensperrvertrags (Non-Proliferation Treaty - NPT), in dem sich die Atommächte zur Vernichtung von Atomwaffen verpflichten.

Butler ist ein erfahrener australischer Diplomat, der für die UN als Atomwaffeninspekteur tätig war. Er informierte die Regierungen bei den Vereinten Nationen unlängst über die MPI-Aktivitäten zur Umsetzung der im Rahmen des NPT getroffenen Absprachen.

Während er sich am Sitz der Vereinten Nationen in New York auf Gespräche mit Diplomaten aus anderen Ländern vorbereitete, brach der MRI-Gründer, der kanadische Senator Douglas Roche, aus dem gleichen Grund zu einer internationalen Informationsreise nach Europa, Russland, China und Indien auf.

Forderung nach Konvention

Vor seiner Abreise erklärte Roche, einer der Kandidaten für den Friedensnobelpreis, auch Landminen und Streubomben seien per Konvention verboten worden, nachdem der Menschheit die Folgen eines fortgesetzten Einsatzes dieser Waffen bewusst geworden seien. Nun sei sie, was den Einsatz, den Besitz und die Verbreitung von Atomwaffen angehe, zum gleichen Punkt gekommen.

Nach Ansicht von Krieger stellt der Wunsch der USA, "die Welt zu dominieren", ein großes Problem dar. Wie er gegenüber IPS erklärte, müssten die politischen Entscheidungsträger in Washington endlich zur Kenntnis nehmen, dass die Sicherheit der USA nicht von einem höheren, sondern von einem niedrigeren Militärbudget abhänge. Eine Erhöhung der Ausgaben für Atomwaffen sende die Botschaft aus, dass es den USA mit der atomaren Abrüstung nicht ernst sei. (Deutsche Bearbeitung: Karina Böckmann | 08 -06-2011) ■

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Of Nuke States, Outliers and Global Security

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WASHINGTON D.C. (IDN) - One definition of an outlier, in the original field of statistics from where the term has come, is "one that appears to deviate markedly from other members of the sample in which it occurs."

Thus, in a world where the global norm is membership of the Treaty for the Nonproliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), nuclear weapon armed states outside the NPT have been referred to as the outliers. Some would argue that all nuclear weapon armed states are outliers. The use of the term has an undeniably pejorative implication but in modern realpolitik, where national interest and state sovereignty reign supreme, no value judgments hold sway.

The NPT was signed in 1968 and entered into force in 1970. Over its 41-year history it has gathered 5 nuclear weapon states (NWS) and 184 non-nuclear weapon states (NNWS) as members pledged to abide by the three pillars of the treaty – nonproliferation, disarmament and the verifiable peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

In addition to the acknowledged five NWS within the NPT there are four others outside including the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) – the subject of six-nation talks aimed at getting that country back into the NPT as a NNWS.

The three countries with nuclear weapons, which have a distinct outlier status, are:

Israel – which does not declare itself to be a NWS;

India – which has been given de facto recognition through the controversial Indo-U.S. nuclear co-operation agreement and is applying to become a member of the exclusive Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) with U.S. support; and

Pakistan – whose growing nuclear arsenal has been the subject of international concerns because of the notorious A.Q.Khan network for the proliferation of nuclear material and knowhow and the safe custody of its nuclear weapon arsenal amidst unstable political conditions.

The acquisition of nuclear weapon expertise and materials in every outlier case has invariably been helped, wittingly or unwittingly, by an established NWS among others. The three states are estimated to have between 250-400 nuclear warheads among them. The world seems to have abandoned hopes that they will voluntarily give up their nuclear weapons unless there is going to be the total elimination of nuclear weapons globally with a verifiable Nuclear Weapons Convention.

The implications of this tacit acceptance of the outliers for global and regional security are portentous. And yet with each of them enjoying good relations with at least one of the five NWS in the NPT, who also happen to be permanent members of the UN Security Council, their nuclear weapon arsenals have, by and large, escaped unequivocal criticism let alone condemnation.

Israel

Israel has long maintained a policy of nuclear ambiguity neither confirming nor denying its nuclear weapon possession. Some leaks have been hastily plugged and whistle-blowers like Mordechai Vanunu have been effectively silenced. The origins of the Israeli nuclear programme go back to the late 1950s and by 1970 it is reported to have crossed the nuclear threshold. France has been identified as the source of Israeli nuclear expertise and material in the early stages. By the 1980s Israel was seen as having a mature nuclear weapon programme centred around Dimona.

SIPRI estimates that Israel has 80 nuclear warheads but others have given higher estimates of between 100 to 300 deliverable through its Jericho missiles and Falcon aircraft. It is also estimated that Israel has 650 kg of military plutonium – the equivalent of about 130 nuclear warheads.



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Rumours of Israel developing tactical nuclear weapons and nuclear capable sea-launched cruise missiles have not been substantiated. No doctrine on the possible use of nuclear weapons has been announced but their deterrent value has not prevented Arab-Israeli wars and persistent attacks across Israeli-held territory.

As the sixth state in the world to acquire nuclear weapons, and the very first in the Middle East, nuclear devices were never overtly tested unlike in the cases of India, Pakistan and DPRK. The Vela Incident or the South Atlantic Flash on September 22, 1979 has been identified as a test in which Israel and South Africa colluded but details have never emerged.

With a policy of nuclear opacity Israel did not sign the NPT and, unlike with other non-NPT signatories, it was not pressured to do so by the U.S. Since states, which had exploded nuclear devices before January 1, 1967 qualified to join the NPT as NWS, there is no realistic possibility of Israel joining the NPT except as a NNWS.

Israel has signed, but not ratified, the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) and is one of the 44 countries whose ratification is required for the treaty to enter into force. It is also a member of the Geneva-based Conference on Disarmament with its partially fulfilled mandate as the sole multilateral negotiating forum to produce treaties on nuclear issues such as a fissile material cut-off treaty (FMCT).

Being the only state in the Middle East outside the NPT, Israel has been strongly criticized in multilateral forums like the UN General Assembly's (UNGA) First Committee and the International Atomic Agency (IAEA) with annual resolutions being adopted with overwhelming majorities calling on Israel to join the NPT. A resolution calling for a nuclear weapon-free zone (NWFZ) in the Middle East has been adopted repeatedly without a vote. Further pressure has been added with a resolution calling for a zone free of weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East (MEWMDFZ).

A key element in the package that was adopted without a vote at the 1995 NPT Review and Extension Conference (NPTREC) was a Resolution on the Middle East calling, inter alia, for a MEWMDFZ. Arab countries and others have used the failure to implement this resolution as leverage in subsequent NPT Review Conferences and the collapse of the 2005 NPT Review Conference was attributed to this.

In the 2010 Review Conference a redoubled diplomatic effort by the Egyptian-led Arab and Non-aligned group led to a consensus Final Document being adopted which called for a 2012 Conference on creating the MEWMDFZ. Slow progress in the preparations for this is likely to aggravate Arab hostility despite the distractions of the Arab Spring and the war in Libya.

India

For many India's acquisition of the most destructive weapon invented is a strange contradiction of the philosophy of nonviolence, famously advocated by Mahatma Gandhi, and India's moral posturing in world affairs. At the time of Independence in 1947, Prime Minister Nehru placed India firmly on the path to modernization through the development of science and technology including the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

However, others in the leadership harboured ambitions of acquiring nuclear weapons for prestige and global power status while Nehru preached nuclear disarmament and a ban on nuclear testing. Thus India resisted all pressures to join the NPT carrying on a strident campaign against its discriminatory aspect. That did not prevent India from subsequently joining the equally discriminatory two-tiered Antarctic Treaty in the top tier.

In 1974 India, under Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, conducted a nuclear test which was falsely described as "peaceful" but has subsequently been acknowledged as a nuclear weapon test. The alarms that the test caused were fuelled by suspicions about India's nuclear ambitions and the fact that Canadian nuclear supplies for peaceful purposes had been diverted for this.

While Indian nuclear ambitions were further evidenced by its strong and solitary opposition to the 1996 CTBT, it led to a similarly clandestine programme in Pakistan. In 1998 India conducted five underground tests of nuclear devices and declared itself a nuclear weapon state amidst domestic jubilation citing a threat from China. \bigcirc



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The immediate reaction of Pakistan was to follow suit and the world was suddenly faced with two more NWS outside the NPT making the goal of a nuclear weapon-free world even more distant. The strong condemnation of the UN Security Council by Resolution 1172 at the time is a strange contrast to U.S.-driven global indulgence and active encouragement of India's nuclear weapon possession today.

India is estimated to have 80-100 nuclear weapons. A domestic debate goes on among Indian scientists as to whether more tests are needed although an Indian Prime Minister has pledged that India would not stand in the way of the entry into force of the CTBT.

Indian nuclear weapons can be delivered through its Mirage and Jaguar aircraft as well as through land and sea based missiles. India maintains a nuclear doctrine of 'no first use' and of having a 'credible minimum deterrence'. That and the fact that India's nuclear weapons are firmly under civilian control in a functioning democracy with a credible non-proliferation record has alleviated some of the concerns over an escalation of a conflict between India and Pakistan into a nuclear war.

The 2005 India-U.S. Civil Nuclear Co-operation Initiative was highly controversial and widely seen as a violation of the NPT. It was subsequently approved by the NSG with the use of heavy U.S. diplomatic pressure but the advantages for the U.S. nuclear industry through sales to India have yet to materialize.

Pakistan

It is widely conceded that Pakistan would not have acquired nuclear weapons if India did not. It is the equalizing weapon to counter a perceived conventional weapon imbalance. Thus Pakistan's rationale for nuclear deterrence is India-specific especially after the 1971 Indo-Pakistan war when Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto led Pakistan.

The 1974 Indian test accelerated the programme. It will require India to eliminate its nuclear arsenal if Pakistan is to do so. In the case of India however, it will be necessary for there to be global disarmament. From a period of non-weaponized deterrence Pakistan, with its tests in 1998, converted to a status of an overt nuclear weapon possessor. It is widely suspected that China provided assistance to Pakistan in developing nuclear weapons.

Pakistan is estimated to have 90-110 nuclear weapons using highly enriched uranium (HEU) but recent reports indicate a growing plutonium based arsenal probably larger than India's and an increased production of plutonium as fissile material. The delivery systems are both aircraft and missiles.

The perception of inferiority in fissile material stockpiles vis-à-vis India has led to an inflexible Pakistan stance in the CD (UN Conference on Disarmament) on the issue of negotiating a FMCT. The Indo-U.S. nuclear co-operation deal has also had adverse repercussions. Chinese firms intend to build two new 340-megawatt light-water reactors at Pakistan's Chashma Nuclear Power Plant. Ironically, this has elicited protests from the U.S.

The activities of the A.Q.Khan network and doubts over the safe custody of Pakistani nuclear weapons in a country fraught with terrorist problems and weak Governmental controls has made Pakistan a key proliferation concern.

The discovery that Osama Bin Laden had been in Pakistan, either unknown to the Pakistan authorities or with their connivance, can only enhance concerns over the safety of the country's nuclear arsenal.

With a bilateral history of hostile relations many see South Asia as a likely theatre for a limited nuclear war citing the tensions of the "Brasstacks" exercise in 1986/7 and the Kargil conflict of 1999. However both sides have expressed confidence in their command and control structures and systems.

All nine nuclear armed states, whether within the NPT or outliers, present a threat to global security. Napoleon is said to have remarked: "Bayonets are wonderful! One can do anything with them except sit on them!". Today's bayonets are nuclear weapons; and we are actually sitting on them. The potential for their use by accident or design; by the states themselves or by terrorist groups within these states is too great for the people of the world to accept.

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North Korea and the Voyage to a Nuke-Free World

By Frederick N. Mattis* | IDN-InDepth NewsViewpoint

ANNAPOLIS, USA (IDN) - Of all states, North Korea as it presently exists and is governed is probably seen by many other states as the most potentially problematic with respect to its ongoing compliance with a nuclear weapons ban.

This, of course, is assuming North Korea joined a nuclear ban treaty [convention] along with all other states – and incentives for North Korea to do so would be primarily freedom from the nuclear threat or perceived threat from another state or states, plus widespread praise for the decision to join.

At present, North Korea regularly points to the vast U.S. arsenal as the prime peril and justification for North Korea's own, relatively very small arsenal; but such rationale by any state would vanish under worldwide nuclear weapons abolition.

The various past sessions of nuclear "six-party talks" amongst the USA, North Korea, South Korea, China, Russia, and Japan have often produced more heat than light. But in all these encounters it is solely the prospect of North Korea's elimination of its nuclear weapons that has been on the table.

Considering, instead and in contrast, a here-posited worldwide nuclear ban, a fundamental reason to envision North Korean fealty to it would be, as with all states, the unprecedented geopolitical, legal, psychological, and moral force of unanimity of accession by states before the treaty takes effect.

The Agreed Framework

The collapse in late 2002 of the 1994 U.S.-North Korean "Agreed Framework" is frequently cited as "proof" that, ultimately, North Korea is duplicitous in its nuclear intentions and therefore would decline to join a prospective, worldwide nuclear weapons ban, or would join but not abide by it.

But North Korea did comply with the Agreed Framework – by freezing plutonium production and related nuclear facilities. However, North Korea was apparently, during some latter part at least of the Framework's eight-year sway, working on uranium enrichment (necessary for nuclear reactor fuel but also the path, other than plutonium, for a nuclear weapon).

The plutonium-centered Framework, for its part, did not address uranium enrichment, which is an entirely different process than the Framework-forbidden separation of plutonium from irradiated reactor fuel (which North Korea abided by).

With that said, the U.S. umbrage toward North Korea for its uranium enrichment was at least somewhat understandable; but it was the USA and North Korea that signed the Framework, with its sole focus on plutonium.

In any event, in late 2002, shortly after official U.S. broaching of North Korean enrichment activity, the USA cut off oil supplies to North Korea (a prime part of the Framework). Thereupon North Korea, viewing the Framework as caustically abrogated by the USA, abandoned its Framework freeze on plutonium production and other weapons-usable work – and later twice conducted nuclear explosion tests with plutonium weapons. Given, then, these highlights of the total picture, the collapse of the Framework cannot be fairly held up as a mirror or example or proof of North Korean perfidy.

Nuclear abolitionist President Ronald Reagan famously said, "Trust but verify." A nuclear weapons ban will surely have a worldwide verification regime, including "challenge" inspections analogously to today's Chemical Weapons Convention.

The inspection issue actually terminated the last round of "six-party talks," when the USA presented its list of exigent inspection modalities to ensure a nuclear-free North Korea – but without, of course, the USA offering any inspection of its own military-related nuclear facilities, much less elimination of U.S. nuclear weapons. (Understandably, though, U.S. weapons elimination can only be realistically envisioned under a nuclear ban treaty that requires unanimous accession by states before entry into force.) \supseteq



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C North Korea as a Nuclear Ban Party

Assuming a worldwide nuclear ban is indeed in force, there would still be assertions that North Korea is an unreliable treaty party because it would "lose little" by breaching the treaty – with North Korea being "so isolated anyway."

But North Korea has commercial and diplomatic relations with over 130 countries, all of which would be vehemently opposed to a North Korean "breakout" from a nuclear ban that North Korea has joined along with all other states. Also, the nuclear ban's fairness (equal treatment of states) would militate against any inclination toward treaty violation by North Korea or any state.

"Condition-Free Accession to a Nuclear Ban"

The voyage of humanity to a nuclear weapons-free world will surely experience disparate events and currents. North Korea, for example, might see fit to aver at least initially that before it agrees to sign and ratify a prospective, worldwide ban, there must be a "peace treaty" officially ending the Korean War, or other blandishments for North Korea.

But no state should feel or be in the least obliged to comply with any such pronouncement, despite its ostensible roadblock (but potentially only temporary) to nuclear ban unanimity and entry into force.

North Korea, for its part, has a right to say whatever it wishes regarding its potential accession to a nuclear ban; and other countries, including the USA, have the right to say, "Although we are always evaluating our relations with North Korea, and hoping to discern improvement in their human rights and other areas, the nuclear ban treaty, which benefits all states and which all must join before it enters into force, stands on its own merits."

Overall, in regards to the Korean Peninsula and other longstanding divides (such as the Kashmir problem between nucleararmed states Pakistan and India), the introduction for signature of a nuclear ban treaty will surely bring more world focus, and likely more-productive dialogue, on ameliorating the issues at hand.

But whatever the progress – or lack thereof, if so – on these matters, when North Korea and all other states have joined a nuclear ban treaty and it enters into force with compliance of all states due to the unparalleled impact of fairness and unanimity, then all states and people will be freed from the possibility of experiencing nuclear war or attack (such as escalation of a border conflict), and from possible "false-alarm" nuclear missile launch, and possibility that terrorists could acquire a bomb from a state's nuclear arsenal.

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US Conference of Mayors calls for Nuclear Weapons Convention, troopwithdrawals

By John Loretz

From International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), Nuclear abolition news

(June 23, 2011) The people responsible for managing US cities—the ones elected to keep the schools open, to maintain roads and bridges, to ensure public health and safety, and to advocate for the needs of their communities—sent a message to the rest of the country this week about the costs of war and preparing for war. The message, contained in two resolutions adopted by the US Conference of Mayors, was that the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have to end, that the US needs to lead the way in ridding the world of nuclear weapons, and that the hundreds of billions of dollars now being lost to these misplaced national spending priorities should be redirected "to meet vital human needs" at home.

The <u>resolution on military spending</u> noted a couple of obvious facts: that the wars started by President Bush and continued by President Obama are costing about \$126 billion a year and that more than 6,000 American soldiers have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. The mayors went a step further, pointing out in the same sentence that at least 120,000 civilians have been killed in those countries since these wars began. Americans don't hear that fact often enough.



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The <u>nuclear disarmament resolution</u> reproves the Obama administration for its plan to spend \$185 billion on nuclear weapons modernization and infrastructure programs between now and 2020—amounts even greater than the Reagan administration spent on nuclear weapons at the height of the Cold War.

The mayors called for a halt to this spending and urged the administration, instead, to work for the implementation of UN Secretary-General <u>Ban Ki-Moon's five-point plan for global nuclear disarmament</u>, including the completion of a nuclear weapons convention by 2020. In strong contrast with those Americans who take an isolationist attitude, the US mayors spoke proudly of their participation in Mayors for Peace and aligned themselves with their colleagues in 4,700 cities and 150 countries who have declared that "cities are not targets" of nuclear weapons and have set their sights on a world free of nuclear weapons by 2020.

The contrast between two visions of where the world will stand in 2020—ramped up to produce, maintain, and endanger all of us with nuclear weapons for the rest of the 21st century; or free of a catastrophic threat to human survival that only exists because we allow it to exist—could not be starker.

Both these resolutions reflect a growing sense of interconnectedness among municipal leaders in many countries who face similar challenges, are increasingly making common cause with each other across national boundaries, and know from experience that every dollar spent on war and the weapons of war is a dollar that cannot be spent, in the mayors' own words, "to meet vital human needs, promote job creation, rebuild our infrastructure, aid municipal and state governments, and develop a new economy based upon renewable, sustainable energy and reduce the federal debt."

The mayors may have gotten through to President Obama, who announced an accelerated schedule for troop withdrawals from Afghanistan a few days later, echoing what the country's municipal leaders had said about the need to redirect national spending priorities. Let's hope he heard them about nuclear weapons, as well.

<u>IPPNW</u>, which launched the <u>International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)</u> in 2007, and <u>Mayors For Peace</u>, whose Cities Are Not Targets campaign is part of the 2020 Appeal for a nuclear-weapons-free world, work collaboratively to build public and governmental support for a nuclear weapons convention.

How to save \$100 billion per year

By John Loretz

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(June 20, 2011) Bruce Blair of Global Zero has just provided a long-needed estimate of global nuclear weapons spending. We've known the US numbers for many years, thanks to Stephen Schwartz's Atomic Audit and groups such as the Natural Resources Defense Council and The Western States Legal Foundation. The former has documented some \$6 trillion in US spending on nuclear weapons and their infrastructure since 1946; while WSLF estimates that more than \$200 billion has been budgeted over the next decade to modernize the US arsenal.

Comparable figures for the other nuclear-weapon states have always been hard to find. According to Blair's new estimates, the nine nuclear-weapon states—China, France, India, Israel, North Korea, Pakistan, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States—plan to spend \$1 trillion over the next 10 years to acquire new weapons and to update their systems. They will spend \$100 billion in this year alone. Blair says that is "more spending on nuclear weapons than at any time since the Cold War."

We're often told that nuclear weapons spending is only a fraction of total military spending, but the fraction for these nine countries turns out to be 9 percent on average. That's pretty substantial, considering the way nearly all of their governments are using the sorry state of the global economy as an excuse to slash spending on education, social services, environmental protection, health care programs, and everything else that people depend on for a decent quality of life. What this means is that a nuclear weapons convention is good economic policy in addition to all the other reasons it makes sense.



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CND welcomes Global Zero summit

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament today welcomed the 'Global Zero' summit, to be held in London this Tuesday to Thursday (21st-23rd June). The Global Zero initiative indicates the increasing extent of the demand - from political, military and cultural leaders - for urgent action to achieve global nuclear disarmament.

The Summit will bring together over 100 leading members of Global Zero to discuss and debate with senior officials from several governments. They will undertake intensive policy discussions on how all nuclear weapons states can be brought to the table to negotiate multilateral nuclear arms reductions. They will also consider the strategy needed to build public and political support for this agenda.

The Summit will begin with the UK premiere of the critically acclaimed film, Countdown to Zero [note 3]. This, together with a panel discussion featuring Queen Noor of Jordan, ex-CIA operative Valerie Plame Wilson, former Foreign Secretary Margaret Beckett and Oscar-winning producer Lawrence Bender, will be streamed live to around 50 cinemas and other venues throughout the UK. Many of the events are hosted by local anti-nuclear campaigners.

Kate Hudson, General Secretary of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, said, "This very welcome summit shows just how broad the demand for a world free of nuclear weapons now is. From President Obama down, political and military leaders are increasingly coming to accept that nuclear weapons can play no useful role in preserving security. In fact they do the reverse, with hundreds of missiles poised to launch at a moment's notice.

Britain must play its part in supporting President Obama's initiatives and declaring itself ready to actualise its existing commitment to disarm, under the 1968 nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Our government already accepts Britain faces no state-on-state nuclear threat. Now is the time for the UK to rid itself of the city-destroying Trident missiles and back the negotiation of a nuclear weapons convention, banning nukes in the way that chemical and biological weapons are outlawed.

"Global Zero estimate that global spending on nuclear weapons will amount to \$1,000bn this decade [see note 4] - a monstrous sum to be devoting to the maintenance of a system that does nothing to tackle the real insecurities facing humanity in the 21st century. The cost of building, let alone running the replacement for the UK's Trident submarines, has already increased from £11 to £25bn before detailed planning has even begun. Now is the time for our government to concentrate on real priorities and scrap its ruinously expensive nuclear weapons programme."

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