

Nuclear Non-Proliferation Review Conference

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The United Nations is currently hosting the 2015 *Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference*. Conferences to review the operation of the Treaty have been held at five-year intervals since the Treaty went into effect in 1970. Each conference has sought to find agreement on a final declaration that would assess the implementation of the Treaty's provisions and make

recommendations on measures to further strengthen it. The 2015 *Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference* (NPT) is expected to consider a number of issues, including those discussed at the 2010 Conference: universality of the Treaty; nuclear disarmament, including specific practical measures; nuclear non-proliferation, including 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.

Non-Proliferation Treaty

The UN Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) is a landmark international treaty whose objective is to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and weapons technology, to promote co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and to further the goals of achieving nuclear disarmament, as well as 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. With 189 States parties, including the five nuclear-weapon States, the Treaty is the most widely adhered to multilateral disarmament agreement. Read more . . .

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