

REDUCING NUCLEAR DANGERS:

HOW NONPROLIFERATION, ARMS CONTROL, AND COUNTERING NUCLEAR TERRORISM CONTRIBUTE TO U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY

NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION

- The United States desires a world in which nations no longer require nuclear weapons to maintain international peace and security.
- The United States remains committed to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and to pursuing all of the Treaty's objectives.
- The United States seeks to ease tensions and strengthen trust between nations, thereby gradually helping to relieve the insecurity and conflict that drive countries to seek and retain nuclear weapons.
- The United States seeks to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and weapons-usable material, technology, and expertise, and strengthen global capabilities to detect, deter, and attribute their proliferation and use.

ARMS CONTROL

- The United States remains committed to its arms control obligations under New START and other arms control treaties to which it is party.
- The United States will focus on helping to create political and security conditions conducive to future arms control negotiations.
- The United States remains prepared for and receptive to future arms control negotiations if the potential outcome improves the security of the United States, its allies and partners. Arms control is an important tool for managing competition and building predictability and transparency between nuclear armed states.
- Reliable partners, effective verification, robust compliance enforcement, and appropriate underlying security conditions are all necessary to safely, predictably, and verifiably and stably reduce nuclear arms.

NUCLEAR MATERIALS SECURITY

- The growing number of nuclear facilities worldwide, coupled with the rising production of nuclear materials, increases the potential to exploit security vulnerabilities.
- The United States will work with international partners to eliminate excess nuclear material; ensure the safety and security of remaining nuclear material to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

COUNTERING NUCLEAR TERRORISM

- The United States will improve nuclear security at home and working with our partners abroad to counter the threat of nuclear terrorism.
- The United States will seek to interdict and disrupt terrorist acquisition of nuclear weapons, material, or technology to contain and reduce threats.
- The United States will mitigate the consequences of use through response and recovery while holding accountable those complicit using our ability to attribute responsibility.