



## Basel Appeal on Disarmament and Sustainable Security

An Open Letter on the INF & START treaties, nuclear risk-reduction and disarmament measures to preserve peace and achieve sustainable security

*Adopted in Basel, Switzerland on January 15, 2019.*

To: **Donald Trump**, *President of the United States*  
**Vladimir Putin**, *President of the Russian Federation*  
**Jens Stoltenberg**, *Secretary-General of NATO*  
**Miroslav Lajčák**, *Chair of the OSCE*  
**Federica Mogherini**, *EU High Representative for Security and Foreign Affairs*  
**Eliot Engel**, *Chair of the US House Foreign Affairs Committee*  
**Adam Smith**, *Chair of the House Armed Services Committee*  
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**Konstantin Kosachev**, *Chair of the Russian Federation Council Committee on Foreign Affairs*  
**Viktor Bondarev**, *Chair of the Russian Federation Council Committee on Defence and Security*

CC: **Xi Jinping**, *President of China*  
**Theresa May**, *Prime Minister of the United Kingdom*  
**Emmanuel Macron**, *President of France*

Dear President Trump, President Putin, Secretary-General Stoltenberg, Chair Lajčák, High Representative Mogherini, Mr Engel, Mr Smith, Senator Inhofe, Senator Risch, Mr Slutsky, Mr Shamanov, Mr Kosachev and Mr Bondarev,

Last year, the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists moved the hands of the Doomsday Clock to 2 Minutes to Midnight citing “the failure of world leaders to deal with looming threats of nuclear war and climate change”, and highlighting the increasingly high risks of a nuclear exchange by accident, miscalculation, conflict escalation or intent.

We applaud the Korean peace and denuclearization process which commenced since then, and we give our full support for continuing diplomacy to ensure success. And we welcome adoption by the United Nations of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

However, we are extremely concerned about the deteriorating security environment in Europe and internationally during 2018 arising from the erosion of the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty; United States withdrawal from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (Iran nuclear non-proliferation agreement); unresolved conflicts between Russia and the West including over Crimea and Syria and between nuclear armed states in other regions including South Asia and the South China Sea; further development and modernization of nuclear weapons and related military systems; and provocative war games and nuclear threat postures.

## **1) INF Treaty**

We are particularly concerned about the unravelling of the Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, an historic agreement reached in 1987 between the United States and the Soviet Union to eliminate all of their nuclear and conventional ground-launched ballistic and cruise missiles with ranges of 500 to 5,500 kilometres, and to utilize extensive on-site inspections for verification of its implementation.

We call on the United States and Russia to refrain from developing and deploying weapons systems that could violate the Treaty, and to resolve compliance issues through dialogue and through enhanced work of the Special Verification Commission established by the Treaty.

We call on the Russian Duma and U.S. Congress to refuse to authorise, or allocate funding for, the development or deployment of weapons systems which might violate the Treaty, such as the Russian 9M729 missile, or which could provide similar capability as INF-prohibited weapons such as air or sea launched nuclear-armed cruise missiles.

And we call on European member States of NATO to re-affirm their opposition to any deployment of nuclear missiles in Europe.

## **2) New START Treaty**

We are also concerned that the current conflicts may undermine the new START Treaty which provides common-sense limits and verification on the numbers of U.S. and Russian deployed strategic weapons and delivery vehicles, and which is set to expire in February 2021. We call on the US and Russia to extend the New START Treaty until 2026 and to undertake additional cuts to their nuclear stockpiles, either unilaterally or through negotiations.

## **3) Nuclear risk-reduction including No-First-Use**

In order to reduce the risk of nuclear weapons use by accident, miscalculation or escalation, we call on Russia, the U.S. and NATO to re-affirm that a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be launched, and to implement such a declaration by adopting policies to never initiate the use of nuclear weapons ('no-first-use' policies). And we call on Russia and the U.S. to rescind their 'launch-on-warning' policies and to end their high operational readiness to use nuclear weapons.

## **4) Achieving a nuclear-weapon-free world**

We highlight the universal obligation to achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world, and we welcome the commitment made by NATO and the United States to 'create the conditions' to realise this goal. We call on them to implement this commitment through:

- a) enhanced dialogue and engagement with other nuclear-armed States;
- b) developing an action plan for the comprehensive phase-out of nuclear deterrence and its replacement by common security;
- c) undertaking initial steps by reducing nuclear stockpiles, cancelling nuclear weapons modernisation programs, cutting nuclear weapons budgets and reallocating these funds to support sustainable development; and
- d) joining with other nuclear-armed and reliant States to negotiate a global nuclear weapons convention (to eliminate all nuclear weapons) as already supported by China, India, Pakistan, North Korea and most non-nuclear countries.

We reaffirm that disarmament helps create security, and we commit to acting resolutely for a nuclear-weapons-free and less militarised world. We call on cities, parliaments, governments and civil society around the world to join us in this endeavour.

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### The Basel Appeal for Disarmament and Sustainable Security

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