

Common Elements

Efforts to eliminate nuclear weapons in this first decade of the 21st century can build upon ideas developed in the 1990s by several distinguished commissions and study groups. From their reports and recommendations a consensus has merged on some of the major steps along the road toward zero nuclear weapons. They are as follows:

1. De-alerting and standing down deployed nuclear weapons.
2. Comprehensive test ban.
3. Cease development and production of new nuclear weapons.
4. Halt attempts to develop national missile defense.
5. Commitment to no first use of nuclear weapons.
6. Bilateral (U.S. and Russia) nuclear arms reduction.
7. Bring other possessors of nuclear weapons into multilateral reductions.
8. Total dismantlement of nuclear weapons and delivery systems.
9. International system for transparency and verification.
10. International control of fissile materials.