

New Agenda Coalition, 1998

*In 1998 the foreign affairs ministers of Brazil, Egypt, Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand, Slovenia, South Africa, and Sweden joined together to offer their ideas in a statement entitled **Towards a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World: The Need for A New Agenda.***

[<http://www.nuclearfiles.org/docs/1998/980609-new-agenda.html>]

Recommended Actions

Among the measures recommended the New Agenda Coalition are the following:

1. Bilateral U.S.-Russian mechanisms (such as START) and subsequently plurilateral mechanisms including all the nuclear-weapon states (adding United Kingdom, France, and China) for practical dismantlement and destruction of nuclear armaments.
2. Abandoning present hair-trigger postures by proceeding to de-alerting and de-activating their weapons.
3. Removal of non-strategic nuclear weapons from deployed sites.
4. Reverse of nuclear weapons development and deployment by the three nuclear-weapon-capable states [Israel, India, Pakistan].
5. All states sign and ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.
6. International ban on the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.
7. Joint no-first use undertaking between the nuclear-weapon states and non-use or threat of use of nuclear weapons against non-nuclear-weapon-states.
8. Establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones in regions of tension, such as the Middle East and South Asia.