

**The Nuclear Danger Today: Existing Nuclear Arsenals are the Greatest Nuclear Threat**

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Good afternoon, members of the conference. I am pleased to be here today.

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two years ago, the U.S. Defense Department declared the most pressing nuclear dangers to be proliferation and "nuclear terrorism."<sup>vii</sup> The time that has passed between those complacent statements and today's circumstances is a time of rapid technological change and increasing global interconnectedness.