

Statement on behalf of the Group of Non-Governmental Experts from Countries
Belonging to the New Agenda Coalition (NAGNGO Group)

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promotion of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation with a particular focus on the Treaty
on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) Review Cycle. The NAGNGO group
collaborate intersessionally and has on a number of occasions

outlined its
common views and have made recommendations for enhancing and strengthening the global
disarmament and non-proliferation regime

The NAGNGO Group continues to strongly believe in the importance of the NPT and its three
pillars. We recognise that at present the NPT represents the only binding commitment in a
multilateral treaty to the goal of disarmament. We also, unfortunately, recognise that Nuclear
Weapon States Parties have failed to make significant progress towards achieving this particular
objective. We call on all States Parties to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under
the Treaty to make progress towards this goal. Yet to be achieved.

As citizens of countries that are committed to not develop nuclear weapons in exchange for
existing nuclear weapons, we agree to eliminate their own stocks of nuclear weapons. In
the bargain we struck 45 years ago we call on these latter States to honour their unequivocal
undertaking to disarm under article VI of the NPT. At the same time, we would be remiss to
remind all States Parties present here that Article VI of the NPT calls on all States Parties
to the Treaty to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures
relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament, and
on a treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international
control. It is thus the responsibility of all NPT States Parties and not just those that continue to
maintain their stockpiles and who continue to improve their explosive power.

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