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## Nuclear Weapons and NATO: Cold War Thinking Blocks Progress Towards a Safer World

International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) and its US affiliate Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) are deeply disappointed in the Obama administration's opposition to the removal of US nuclear weapons stored in NATO countries.

These weapons are a quintessential Cold War relic and their removal would be an important step towards a world free of nuclear weapons as called for by the administration. Their removal at this time would also signal to the nations of the world who will gather for the NPT Review Conference next month that the US takes seriously its obligations under Article VI of the Treaty to work for the elimination of existing nuclear weapons. Further it would be an important next step in the new relationship with Russia, embodied in the New START treaty, and would help to move us towards the next round of negotiations for further deeper cuts in the US and Russian arsenals.

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