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Nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament - NPT prepcom, 30 April - 11 May 2007

There is an overwhelming consensus within the EU, including the European Parliament, for reviving and strengthening the NPT. For that reason it is vital that the EU prepares itself for the 2010 Review Conference by presenting a positive and visible contribution to the first Prepcom which will take place in Vienna from 30 April - 11 May, 2007.

What steps is the Commission going to undertake to support the non-proliferation norms embedded in the Non-Proliferation Treaty and to pursue effective multilateralism as stated in the December 2003 EU Strategy against the proliferation of materials and weapons of mass destruction?

What concrete non-proliferation programmes is the Commission intending to pursue in the framework of the Stability Instrument?

What is the role of the Commission in supporting the implementation of the EU 2005 Common Position prepared for the NPT Review Conference and in particular its 41 measures?

What new commitments does the Commission expect to see launched at the 2007 NPT PrepCom?

What concrete disarmament objectives does the Commission expect to be promoted at the NPT PrepCom and what is its assessment of progress in achieving previous commitments such as the 13 steps agreed at the end of the 1995 (and confirmed in 2000) NPT Review conference; and in particular what role could the Commission play towards achieving a verifiable Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty?

Does the Commission endorse the growing international consensus on the urgency of nuclear disarmament as promoted by the New Agenda Coalition and various Nobel Prize winners? Does the Commission agree with Dr Henry Kissinger that we are on the 'precipice of a new and dangerous nuclear era' and that the only way to prevent us falling over is by building a global consensus that reasserts the 'vision of a world free of nuclear weapons' and to work 'energetically' to that end?

Will the Commission in the framework of EU-US relations raise the issue of the US-India nuclear agreement and its consequences for the IAEA and the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG)?