



TEN STEPS
TOWARD A WEAPONS
OF MASS DESTRUCTION-FREE ZONE
IN THE MIDDLE EAST

"A world without nuclear weapons is a long-term goal which we need to start working towards right now. It is possible that at some point in the future we may have to consider bringing up to date the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty that is the cornerstone of the nonproliferation regime."

Nikolay Spassky, Rosatom Deputy Director-General

The Future of the NPT

The Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty, which entered into force in 1970, still remains a key element of the entire international security architecture. Nevertheless, current international situation presents several serious challenges which, if events begin to follow a negative scenario, can deform certain elements of the international architecture and undermine the nuclear nonproliferation regime.

How should Russia act in such a situation? The purpose of this project is to provide a quality peer-reviewed assessment of the issue, while also providing a variety of discussion forums to promote a more fruitful conversation on contemporary problems of nuclear non-proliferation. As part of the project, PIR Center experts attended the First Preparatory Committee for the 2015 NPT Review Conference. PIR Center President Vladimir Orlov served as the Advisor to the official Russian delegation, and members of the PIR Center's staff were members of the non-governmental section.

Issues covered by the project:

- Nuclear disarmament
- Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty
- States remaining outside the NPT
- Middle East
- Problem of withdrawal from the NPT
- Peaceful use of nuclear energy
- European security and nuclear weapons

PIR Center White Papers

On the margins of the Second Preparatory Committee for the 2015 NPT Review Conference, PIR Center will launch its second White Paper mapping the implementation of the NPT Article VI (the first one was presented at the NPT Review Conference in 2010).

The objective of the second non-governmental White Paper is to define the main obstacles to the NPT Article VI implementation and offer a set of practical recommendations on how to enhance its effectiveness.

In addition, the PIR Center's experts are analyzing the possibilities for creation of a WMD-free zone in the Middle East, and the methods of promoting the NPT compliance among its members, particularly within the context of the Iranian nuclear program.

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