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MAY 12, 2010. NEW YORK – “It is in Russia’s interests to maintain the integrity of the treaty and a balanced approach to its three pillars: nonproliferation of nuclear weapons, nuclear disarmament and peaceful use of nuclear energy. Any attempts to revise the NPT or reverse its indefinite extension would be unacceptable,” – Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Sergey Lavrov.

On May 12, 2010 at 1.15 p.m. in the framework of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) PIR Center (The Russian Center for Policy Studies) together with the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United States holds the launch of the White Paper “**NPT-2010: Strengthening the Regime**”.

During 40 years the NPT has remained the cornerstone of the nuclear non-proliferation regime. “It is in Russia’s interests to maintain the integrity of the treaty and a balanced approach to its three pillars: nonproliferation of nuclear weapons, nuclear disarmament and peaceful use of nuclear energy. Any attempts to revise the NPT or reverse its indefinite extension would be unacceptable,” noted Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Sergey **Lavrov**.

The objective of this White Paper is to define the key challenges of current nuclear nonproliferation regime and to develop the policy recommendations on how to break the deadlocks and strengthen the regime. Among the issues discussed:

- *Nuclear Disarmament*
- *CTBT*
- *Middle East*
- *States outside the NPT*
- *Withdrawal from the Treaty*
- *Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy*
- *European Security and Nuclear Weapons*

“We realize that some of the proposals may spur the debate. Hence, we invite our colleagues from governments of various nations and from nongovernmental sector to take part in further discussions on improving the recommendations and developing practical mechanisms of their implementation in 2010-2014”, stated PIR Center President Dr. Vladimir **Orlov**.

The launch of the White Paper “NPT-2010: Strengthening the Regime” will take place on **Wednesday May 12, 2010, at 1.15 p.m.** *UN Conference room 2 (North Lawn Building).*

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