

# The United States and Establishing a Nuclear Weapons-Free Zone in the Middle East

Bridging the Gap Between Reality and Possibility

“U.S.-Russian Dialogue on the NPT Review Process: Ideas from Next Generation”



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# The United States Working Paper

- “Conceptual differences”
- Perceived use of Review Cycle as forum for MENWFZ, leverage, conditionality and Shifting responsibility
- “initiative to establish such zones should emanate exclusively from the region concerned and be pursued on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at by all the regional States”
- Active promotion of regional dialogue

# A Truly Global Dialogue

- Non-regional and non-nuclear weapon states participation
- Confidence building
- Best practices: ~~Naming and shaming~~ → naming and “honoring”

# Conclusion:

- If yesterday's Korean Summit teaches us anything, it is that *anything is possible!*