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## **New Generation - New Perspectives**

Rejuvenating the nuclear debate: 13 key recommendations.

We are a group of eight students participating in a crash course on nuclear diplomacy organised by IKV Pax Christi. As the final stage of our crash course we are now actively participating in the 2012 PrepCom. Having spent the last week going to meetings with delegations, government briefings and side-events we wish to present our recommendations on the issues surrounding nuclear disarmament. We hope these recommendations provide a fresh and welcome perspective and encourage the continued effort towards securing a world free of nuclear weapons.

- We call upon all states, emphasising a special obligation on the Nuclear-Weapon States, to take the initiative to start negotiations on a treaty to create and maintain a world free of nuclear weapons. This should be the primary goal upon which all other steps are focused.
- We call upon all member states of the NPT to reach agreement on a standard framework and time frame to meet their reporting obligations under the NPT.
- We call upon all states to sign and ratify the CTBT and the additional protocol to the IAEA
- We urge Russia and the United States to start bilateral negotiations on the verifiable dismantlement of nuclear warheads.
- We recognize the progress made through unilateral reductions by Russia and the United States and call upon both states to take further unilateral steps toward disarmament
- We applaud the joint statement on catastrophic humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons lead by the Swiss delegation and the 15 nations who supported the statement. We encourage all States to support the initiative.
- We fully support the Norway initiative to host a conference on the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of the use of nuclear weapons and call upon all states to play an active role in the conference.
- We believe the Southern Hemisphere is ideally placed to take a leadership role by consolidating the current Nuclear Weapons Free Zones and declaring a Southern Hemisphere Nuclear Weapons Free Zone.
- We call upon all non-nuclear weapon states to commit to a moratorium on the procurement or development of military technologies dual-compatible with nuclear weapon transport and development
- We call upon all nuclear weapons states to abstain from the modernization of their nuclear weapons.
- We call upon all States to relinquish the doctrine of deterrence.
- We call for an expansion of the IAEA competences to enable the agency to act as a more effective supervisory body to oversee all stages of the nuclear fuel cycle. In pursuance of this we call upon all member states to increase their budgetary contribution to the IAEA.
- We call upon all States to use all diplomatic means at their disposal to ensure the success of the 2012 conference on the Middle-East as a negative outcome to the conference may have significant ramifications for the NPT.

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