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More comments on Nuke Posture Review

Here's a sampling of comment on NPR comign from the e-mailbag:

Susan Gordon, director of the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability: "ANA applauds the NPR for opposing development of new nuclear weapons, endorsing further reductions in the stockpile, and limiting the role of nuclear weapons. These policies will help reduce the global threat. But, several parts of the NPR appear to contradict President Obama's pledge to pursue a world without nuclear weapons. For example, the document embraces investments that allow the U.S. to increase the size of its nuclear arsenal, if it were deemed 'necessary'."

Kingston Reif of the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation: "While the Review could have been bolder in some areas, it constructively reorients U.S. nuclear policy to reflect the fact that changing technologic, strategic, and geopolitical circumstances have made it possible and essential for the U.S. to reduce its reliance on nuclear weapons."

Marylia Kelley of Tri-Valley CAREs: "The NPR contains some welcome statements that move the nation toward that goal: It forswears new types of nuclear weapons, endorses further reductions in stockpile numbers, and limits the role of nuclear weapons in the U.S. security posture . . . However, we must hold Obama accountable and offer jeers for the NPR's endorsement of Bush administration initiatives to revitalize and rebuild the nuclear weapons complex, which we and others have dubbed the 'Bombplex'."

Christopher Preble of the Cato Institute: "On balance, the Obama administration's Nuclear Posture Review signals more continuity than change. The review wisely clarifies the limited but essential role that nuclear weapons play in safeguarding U.S. national security through deterrence. Unfortunately, it fails to set the stage for dramatic and necessary changes to a bloated and outdated force structure because it reaffirms the U.S. commitment to other countries that imposes a huge burden on our military and on

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Senior Writer Frank Munger covers the Dept. of Energy's Oak Ridge facilities and many related topics — nuclear weapons, nuclear waste and other things nuclear, environmental cleanup and science of all sorts. Atomic City Underground is, first and foremost, a news blog, but there's room for analysis, opinion and random thoughts that have no place else to go. [Contact Frank.](#)



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Christopher Paine of the Natural Resources Defense Council: "This new policy limits the role of nuclear weapons in two important ways. First, it makes clear that the United States will not threaten or conduct nuclear attacks against non-nuclear weapons countries that are in compliance with the international Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, except in cases where the U.S. faces a severe threat of biological weapons attack. Second, the administration pledges that it will not develop new warheads or new missions for nuclear weapons - a major step forward from the prior administration -- but leaves itself room to develop comprehensively upgraded versions of weapons 'based on' current designs. While we welcome these important steps, more is needed to reduce the dangers these weapons pose."

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