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**COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION C/Res.54**

**TREATY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE RUSSIAN  
FEDERATION ON MEASURES FOR THE FURTHER REDUCTION AND LIMITATION  
OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS**

**The Council,**

**Recalling** the preamble of the Treaty of Tlatelolco in which States Parties declared that “the nuclear weapons, whose terrible effects are suffered, indiscriminately and inexorably, by military forces and civilian population alike, constitute, through the persistence of the radioactivity they release, an attack on the integrity of the human species and ultimately may even render the whole earth uninhabitable;”

**Considering** that the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons is a violation of international law and of the Charter of the United Nations;

**Emphasizing** the unequivocal undertaking by the nuclear-weapon States to accomplish the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals leading to nuclear disarmament, in accordance with commitments made under article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;

**Recognizing** the complementarity of bilateral, plurilateral and multilateral negotiations on nuclear disarmament, and that bilateral negotiations can never replace multilateral negotiations in this respect;

**Recognizing** the role of the United Nations in the area of disarmament and international security, especially of the Conference on Disarmament as the single multilateral disarmament negotiation forum;

**Reaffirming** that nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation are substantively related and mutually reinforcing;

**Convinced** that there now exist conditions for the establishment of a world free of nuclear weapons, and **stressing** the need to take concrete, practical and irreversible steps towards achieving this priority goal;

**Recognizing** that an essential element to achieve nuclear disarmament is the firm political will of the States, especially of the nuclear-weapon States;

**Reiterating** that the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) is the cornerstone of nuclear non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament regime, and the necessity of achieving its universality and effective application;

**Stressing** the importance of a balanced implementation of the three pillars of the NPT: nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation and the right to the peaceful uses of nuclear energy;

**Mindful** of the importance of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the NPT to achieve consensus about nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation;

**Recalling** the Final Document of the 2000 NPT Review Conference that establishes the thirteen steps for the systematic and progressive efforts towards the application of Article VI of the Treaty;

**Resolves:**

1. **To emphasize** that the existence of nuclear weapons constitutes a threat to the survival of mankind and to life on Earth, and that the only real guaranty against their use or threat of use, and against their proliferation is their total elimination and absolute prohibition.
2. **To welcome with satisfaction** all initiatives that promotes nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.
3. **To call upon** the nuclear-weapon States to continue carrying out legally binding agreements for further reductions of their nuclear weapons in a irreversible, transparent and

verifiable way, with a view to achieving the total elimination of these weapons in a specific period of time.

4. **To express the expectation** that the sign of the new Treaty Between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reductions and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, that took place at Prague on 8 April 2010, will lead to advances in the goal of nuclear disarmament, in favor of peace and of international security.
5. **To express** the interest for the ratification of this new Treaty as sooner as possible and that it could enter into force.
6. **To urge** to the United States of America and the Russian Federation to conclude new negotiations with a view to further reductions of strategic and tactical nuclear weapons.
7. **To recognize** that the reduction of nuclear arsenals is a measure that contributes to diminish the nuclear threat and, **to call** the nuclear-weapon States to implement the thirteen steps to achieve the objective of nuclear disarmament, as agreed to by the States parties in the 2000 TNP Review Conference.
8. **To entrust** the Secretariat General to deliver the text of this Resolution to the States Parties of OPANAL, to the States Linked to the Treaty of Tlatelolco, to the United Nations, to the Conference of Disarmament and to the Focal Points of the other Nuclear-Weapons-Free Zones.

(Adopted by the Council  
on 21 April , 2010)