

# National Security Critical Uncertainty Timeline 2012

## Nuclear Posture Review Highlights:

- Five Key Objectives identified:
  - Preventing nuclear proliferation and nuclear terrorism
  - Reducing the role of U.S. nuclear weapons in U.S. national security strategy
  - Maintaining strategic deterrence and stability at reduced nuclear force levels
  - Strengthening regional deterrence and reassuring U.S. allies and partners; and
  - Sustaining a safe, secure, and effective nuclear arsenal

• As long as nuclear weapons exist, the U.S. will sustain safe, secure, and effective nuclear forces

• The fundamental role of U.S. nuclear weapons...is to deter nuclear attack on the U.S., our allies, and our partners

• The U.S. will not use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear weapons states that are party to the NPT and in compliance with their nuclear non-proliferation regime.

• No new testing and U.S. will pursue ratification of the CTBT

• No new warheads

• No new capabilities, however there are three categories of life extension, Refurbish, Reuse and Replace



- Previously:**
- President's Prague Speech (April '09)
  - UNSC 1887 (Sept. '09)
  - Sec. Clinton's Speech at USIP (Oct. '09)
  - Global Strike Command Stand-up (Nov. '09)
  - START ends (Dec. '09)
  - Nobel Peace Prize (Dec. '09)
  - QDR & BMMD (Feb. '10)
  - NPR (Apr. '10)
  - Nuclear Sec. Summit (Apr. '10)
  - New START signed (Apr. '10)
  - Stockpile numbers declassified (May '10)
  - NPT Review Conf. (May '10)
  - National Security Strategy (May'10)
  - NNSA plus up – 13% + \$4.1B (START quid pro quo)

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