

**ADDRESS**  
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**TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE REVIEW CONFERENCE OF**  
**THE PARTIES**  
**TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION**  
**OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

TO PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS OF THE VII REVIEW  
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY ON  
THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

I send my greetings to all participants and guests of the Conference. Your representative forum addresses a vital topic – review of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. Russia as a State party to the Treaty and one of its Depositaries regards this instrument as an important element of the international security. Over the thirty five years it has proved its validity, above all in prevention of the spread of nuclear weapons.

Today, it is on the basis the Treaty that the new challenges facing the non-proliferation regime, including the "black" nuclear markets, can and must be addressed. This work is already underway. With Russia's active participation, the United Nations Security Council adopted its resolution 1540 which aims to prevent the transfer of dangerous materials to terrorists, in 2004, the G-8 worked out the Action Plan on Non-Proliferation.

Russia strictly complies with all of its disarmament obligations. We have been successfully implementing relevant agreements and we stand ready to take further constructive steps. We expect individual countries as well as the entire international community to become our partners in ensuring stability and security.

At the same time we actively exercise the right to peaceful uses of nuclear energy, enshrined in the Treaty, and cooperate with the States parties to the Treaty in developing nuclear energy for peaceful nuclear research and application of nuclear technologies.

I am convinced that this forum will provide an objective analysis of the Treaty while decisions reached will help produce specific measures aimed at strengthening its efficiency.

I wish every success to all participants of the VII Conference.

Vladimir V. Putin