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### **Security assurances**

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1. Pending attainment of the goal of the comprehensive prohibition and total elimination of nuclear weapons, the task of strengthening the international nuclear non-proliferation regime will be facilitated by the nuclear-weapon States providing security assurances to non-nuclear-weapon States. All nuclear-weapon States should give an unconditional undertaking not to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear-weapon States or nuclear-weapon-free zones and should conclude legally binding international instruments to that end.
2. All nuclear-weapon States should diminish the role played by nuclear weapons in their national security policies, abandon the nuclear deterrence policy based on the first use of nuclear weapons and refrain from listing any countries as targets of nuclear strikes or from targeting the nuclear weapons under their control at any country.
3. Nuclear-weapon States should support the efforts of non-nuclear-weapon States to establish nuclear-weapon-free zones and should assume corresponding obligations of a legally binding nature.
4. The Conference on Disarmament should start substantive work at the earliest opportunity on concluding an international legal instrument on security assurances to non-nuclear-weapon States.

