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1. In order to free the world from the threat of nuclear weapons and the danger of nuclear war, all nuclear weapons should be completely prohibited and thoroughly destructed. Before this objective is achieved, all nuclear-weapon States should undertake not to be the first to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear-weapon States or nuclear-weapon-free zones at any time and under any circumstances.
2. Legally binding security assurances by nuclear-weapon States to the non-nuclear-weapon States are conducive to strengthening the international nuclear non-proliferation regime. International legally binding instruments on this issue should be concluded as soon as possible.
3. Nuclear-weapon States should diminish the role of nuclear weapons in their national security strategies and not list any countries as targets of nuclear strike.
4. Nuclear-weapon States should support the efforts of non-nuclear-weapon States in establishing nuclear-weapon-free zones and undertake corresponding obligations.
5. The Conference on Disarmament should start substantive work to achieve an international legal instrument on the issues of security assurances to non-nuclear-weapon States.

