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## **NAPF Applauds Senate Ratification of New START; Warns Against Provocative Nuclear Developments**

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Santa Barbara, CA - David Krieger, President of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, congratulated the US Senate today on its ratification of the New START treaty. The treaty calls for the US and Russia to reduce their deployed strategic nuclear weapons to 1,550 each and restricts nuclear delivery vehicles to 700 deployed and 100 in reserve.

Dr. Krieger said, "Ratification of New START makes the world a safer place. There will be fewer nuclear weapons in the world, and the year-long absence of nuclear inspectors on the ground in the US and Russia will come to an end."

Krieger also cautioned against the US making qualitative improvements to the US nuclear arsenal. "Such provocative improvements," he stated, "could lead to further unwanted and undesirable nuclear proliferation." As part of a deal to ensure sufficient Republican support for the treaty, the Obama administration has promised to spend over \$180 billion over the next 10 years to "modernize" the US nuclear complex and delivery systems.

The goal of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation is a world where no person or country is threatened by nuclear annihilation. The Foundation continues to work for a Nuclear Weapons Convention, which will provide for the phased, verifiable, irreversible and transparent elimination of all nuclear weapons worldwide.

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