

PETITION TO:

- END FUNDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR EARTH-PENETRATING BOMBS AND OTHER NEW AND MODIFIED NUCLEAR WEAPONS,
- BRING U.S. NUCLEAR POLICY INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATION'S NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY OBLIGATION TO ELIMINATE NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND
- REJECT THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S "NUCLEAR POSTURE REVIEW."

WHEREAS, the Nuclear Posture Review directs the Pentagon to prepare contingency plans to use nuclear weapons against at least seven countries, five of which do not possess nuclear weapons (listed countries include Iraq, Iran, North Korea, Syria, Libya, China and Russia);

WHEREAS, the Nuclear Posture Review directs the Pentagon and the Department of Energy's nuclear weapons labs to develop a broad suite of new and modified nuclear weapons with earth-penetrating capabilities -- ranging from very low yield "mini-nukes" to high and variable yield (called dial a yield) bunker-busters -- thereby making nuclear weapons more "usable;"

WHEREAS, the Nuclear Posture Review seeks to integrate nuclear weapons and nuclear warfighting with conventional weapon and warfighting scenarios, thus blurring the distinction between the two and lowering the bar for the introduction of nuclear weapons into combat;

WHEREAS, the budget for nuclear weapons tops \$30 billion and the Department of Energy's 2003 budget request contains \$5.9 billion for nuclear weapons R & D activities that include modifications for four nuclear weapons types and the development of a new "Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator;"

WHEREAS, the Nuclear Posture Review and nuclear weapons budget run counter to U.S. obligations under Article 6 of the Non-Proliferation Treaty to cease "the nuclear arms race at an early date and to [achieve] nuclear disarmament;" and,

WHEREAS, the Nuclear Posture Review and nuclear weapons budget increase the nuclear danger and make us less, not more, secure;

THEREFORE, WE URGENTLY CALL ON: (1) THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO RE-SCRIPT THE NUCLEAR POSTURE REVIEW TO PURSUE GLOBAL NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, (2) THE CONGRESS TO END FUNDING FOR MODIFICATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, SUCH AS EARTH-PENETRATORS, THAT MAKE THEM MORE "USABLE," AND (3) OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO ACT CONSTRUCTIVELY TO IMPRESS ON THE U.S. THE IMPORTANCE OF REVERSING THE ILL-CONSIDERED NUCLEAR POSTURE REVIEW.

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