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CNS Experts Head to the 2010 NPT Review Conference, Available for Comment

Monterey, CA – A number of CNS experts are heading to New York in May to attend the 2010 Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference – some of them as advisors to member states' delegations, and some as observers.

The eighth NPT Review Conference will take place on May 3-28 and comes at a crucial time for nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation. After years of crisis involving diminished support for multilateralism, increased mistrust between nuclear and non-nuclear weapons states, and the emergence of new proliferation challenges, conditions are changing and the moment is ripe to strengthen the NPT and improve its implementation.

“If we are to avoid a stalemate at the Review Conference, a number of things will have to change. It will first be necessary for all of the nuclear weapons states to adopt a more accommodating stance on disarmament issues. There also is a need for more non-nuclear weapons states to challenge those in their midst who are stuck in tired rhetoric and are unprepared to seize the opportunity created by the shift in U.S. orientation,” says William Potter, CNS director. Patricia Lewis, the Center's deputy director, adds that, “Moving forward on the Middle East zone free of weapons of mass destruction, putting in place further steps to prevent proliferation, and establishing benchmarks to evaluate progress on nuclear disarmament are the three vital components of a successful outcome.”

CNS has unparalleled experience with the NPT review process, as many CNS experts have participated in past Review Conferences and Preparatory Committees, published widely on the challenges to the NPT, and are regarded as among the leading international specialists on the subject. The Center maintains an [NPT Resources Page](#) and issues, together with the Mountbatten Center, the [NPT Briefing Book](#), a key source of background and reference material on the Treaty.

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