

Letter to the government of Pakistan accompanying *Fulfil the NPT: From nuclear threats to human security*, the Open Letter to States Parties to the NPT

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Hon Mr Imran Khan
Prime Minister of Pakistan

Dear Mr Khan,

We wish to inform you that [Fulfil the NPT: From nuclear threats to human security](#), an *Open Letter to the States Parties of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT)*, is circulating internationally. It is addressed to the five Nuclear-Weapon States Parties to the Treaty (NWSs). A pro forma version (attached) is being sent to the NWSs at the same time you receive this message.

We are also writing to Representatives of India, Israel and North Korea. Our common appeal to the four of you is that you attend the **10th NPT Review Conference (NPT-X)** as observers.

Having been indefinitely extended, and with over half a century under its belt, the NPT is going to remain a fixture of the international community until that great day when a nuclear weapon free world (NFWF) is established. As this is our shared objective, we urge you to work toward a constructive relationship with all the States Parties to the Treaty, beginning with attendance at NPT-X. This would not require that you join that treaty as a Non-Nuclear-Weapon State (NNWS). With the world being drawn into a dangerous new arms race, the Open Letter aims for NPT-X to make a fundamental course correction. Pakistan needs to be part of this process.

We recognize that you will not find our first demand – no first use (NFU) and an end to the manufacture of nuclear weapons - easy to satisfy. Neither will some of the NWSs. That is why we have apportioned five years for reaching this goal. We trust that if the NWS were to adopt that goal, Pakistan would do its very best to follow suit. We ask your representatives to come to NPT-X and say as much. Note that an end to manufacture would cover not only a cut-off of fissile material for weapons purposes, but also the destruction of the stockpiles of those materials, as Pakistan has been insisting upon in the Conference on Disarmament.

No doubt Pakistan has much to say on the topic of the second and third demands. Please look upon NPT-X as a forum for expressing your views and proposals regarding establishment of a NFWF.

With the possible exception of North Korea, no country in the world would benefit more from being able to redirect the precious resources now devoted to its nuclear arsenals to human needs than Pakistan. The fourth demand can hardly be called demanding for Pakistan. NPT-X would be an outstanding venue for letting the world know this.

We trust you agree our cause is noble. You can be assured that we would not be alone in welcoming you as observer at NPT-X. Please consider deeply how Pakistan can help make NPT-X the historic turning point of the Nuclear Age.

We take this opportunity to extend our deepest respects and highest considerations.

Yours sincerely,

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