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1. It is in the interest of mankind to diminish the threat of nuclear weapons and nuclear war, and to ultimately realize the complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons. Pending the ultimate realization of this goal, nuclear-weapon States should unequivocally undertake not to be the first to use nuclear weapons at any time and under circumstance, and unconditionally undertake not to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear-weapon States or nuclear-weapon-free zones.
2. Legally binding security assurance by nuclear-weapon States to non-nuclear-weapon States are conducive to strengthening the international nuclear non-proliferation regime. The Conference on Disarmament (CD) should start substantive work on concluding an international legal instrument on security assurance to non-nuclear-weapon States at an early date.
3. Nuclear-weapon States should diminish the role played by nuclear weapons in their national security policies, abandon the nuclear deterrence policy based on the first use of nuclear weapons and refrain from listing any country as target of nuclear strikes or from targeting the nuclear weapons under their control at any country.
4. Nuclear-weapon States should support the efforts of non-nuclear-weapon States to establish nuclear-weapon-free zones and undertake corresponding obligations in a legally binding manner.

