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MESSAGE TO SPECIAL GLOBAL ZERO SUMMIT
Los Angeles, 11 October 2011

I am pleased to send greetings to this Special Global Zero Summit.

You gather at an auspicious moment in the history of the global nuclear disarmament movement: the 25th anniversary of the summit in Reykjavik between the Soviet Union and the United States.

With that in mind I send best wishes to former Secretary of State George Shultz, who courageously supported those visionary talks.

At Reykjavik, the leaders of the two cold war superpowers considered the only effective way to end reliance on the doctrine of mutually assured destruction: the complete elimination of nuclear weapons within a specified period of time.

While the talks failed in their most ambitious aims, they nonetheless paved the way for notable interim arms control agreements: a treaty banning all intermediate-range ballistic missiles and the first START Treaty.

The Reykjavik Summit also popularized the maxim: trust but verify. The principle of verification, together with irreversibility and transparency, has since been recognized as essential in disarmament undertakings.

The nuclear disarmament movement continues to push for progress thanks to commitment from so many quarters – led by activists, academics, Governments and parliamentarians.

I am grateful for the efforts of Global Zero. You have enlisted support from some of the world's most prominent political, military and social figures. And you are keeping the Reykjavik spirit alive through your promotion of a summit on nuclear weapons.

My own five-point plan on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation calls for the negotiation of a nuclear weapons convention or a framework of separate, mutually reinforcing legal instruments, backed by a strong system of verification. This idea has widespread support among the members of the United Nations and in civil society.

I encourage you to keep up your efforts towards nuclear disarmament. The United Nations and I personally stand with you and wish you all the best.



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Subject: Secretary-General's message to Global Zero Summit, Los Angeles, 11 - 12 October
From: Ruxandra Ferascu/NY/UNO - Monday 10/10/2011 03:03 PM

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Further to Mr. Nambiar letter to you of 5 October 2011 I am pleased to send you the Secretary-General's message to the special Global Zero Summit at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library outside Los Angeles, along with our best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,

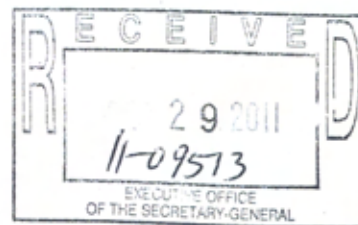
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August 4, 2011

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon
United Nations Headquarters
405 E 42nd Street
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

We are pleased to invite you to deliver an address at a special Global Zero Summit, which will take place October 11-12, 2011 – the 25th anniversary of the historic Reagan-Gorbachev Reykjavik Summit – at The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library outside Los Angeles, California. The event will pay tribute to President Reagan's and President Gorbachev's vision for a world without nuclear weapons and the bold presidential leadership that – at the height of the Cold War conflict – astonished the world by nearly producing an agreement to eliminate all nuclear weapons. Former US Secretary of State George Shultz will participate and address the gathering.

The Summit will bring together 100 eminent Global Zero leaders and senior government officials for intensive policy and strategy discussions to advance our goal of enlisting heads of nuclear powers to hold a Nuclear Weapons Summit to launch the first in history multilateral nuclear arms negotiations. The program will include progress reports by leaders from key countries, strategy sessions, presentations by Global Zero student leaders on our grassroots campaign focusing on the \$1 trillion per decade cost of nuclear arsenals, and a gala dinner.

This event will build on the success of the June 21-23 London Summit, at which Global Zero outlined its plan for getting to multilateral negotiations. The *Financial Times* and *The Economist* published positive editorials about the plan, the *Financial Times* concluding that, "Global Zero's plan has shown the direction to be travelled; the world's leaders must now start moving." In addition to your inspiring video message, President Barack Obama, President Dmitry Medvedev, Prime Minister David Cameron and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh sent statements of support to the London Summit, with Obama declaring, "I want each of you to know that Global Zero continues to have a partner in my Administration and that we will never waver in pursuit of a world free of nuclear weapons."

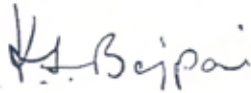
The upcoming Global Zero Summit will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 11 and conclude at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12.

You may respond by contacting Derek Johnson, Program Director, at djohnson@globalzero.org or +1 202.797.5565.

Please see attached an overview of the Global Zero Summit in London and select media clips.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Amb. K. Shankar Bajpai



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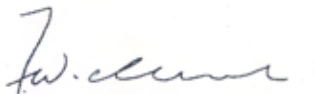
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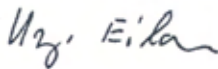
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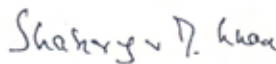
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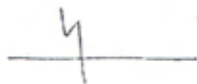
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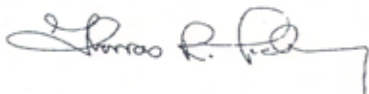
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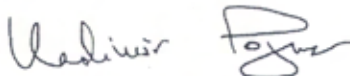
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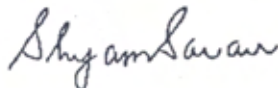
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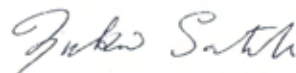
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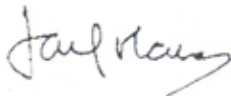
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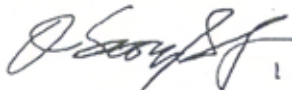
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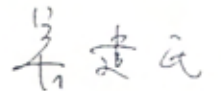
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon
FROM: Amb. Tom Pickering, Amb. Rick Burt, Dr. Bruce Blair, Matt Brown
DATE: August 4, 2011
RE: Global Zero Proposal

At our June 21-23, 2011 Global Zero Summit in London, 100 eminent international leaders put forward a proposal for the heads of government of the nuclear powers to hold a Nuclear Weapons Summit and undertake the first in history multilateral nuclear arms negotiations – the critical step to achieve a world without nuclear weapons. The proposal received worldwide acclaim from leaders, experts and the media, the *Financial Times* concluding that, "Global Zero's plan has shown the direction to be travelled; the world's leaders must now start moving."

Here is a summary of the proposal and how, within three years, world leaders could set the course to a world without nuclear weapons.

I. Initiating Multilateral Negotiations: the Critical Step to Achieve a World Without Nuclear Weapons

In 2009-2010, a growing number of political leaders declared the long-term goal of eliminating all nuclear weapons and took initial steps toward it, including the UN Security Council resolution calling for the elimination of nuclear weapons and the bilateral New START treaty. To set the world's course to Global Zero, the leaders of nuclear powers must come to the table to begin multilateral negotiations for the universal, unrestricted verification of nuclear programs and the phased elimination of arsenals.

Once these unprecedented negotiations begin, it would take fifteen years or more to conclude an agreement, enlist all nuclear weapons countries and nuclear capable countries to ratify it, establish the verification system and fuel cycle safeguards, and eliminate all nuclear weapons. But – within three years – heads-of-government of leading nuclear powers could launch the negotiation process with sufficient international political commitment, technical underpinning and public support to set the wheels firmly on the track toward an agreement to eliminate nuclear weapons. No other near-term arms control measure they could accomplish would achieve this.

Launching a multilateral negotiation process for the verified elimination and prohibition of all nuclear weapons could become the most important defining act of the 21st century for global peace and security.

II. Convening a Nuclear Weapons Summit to Catalyze the Negotiation Process

Taking this big step will require leadership from the top. Heads-of-government of key nuclear weapons and nuclear capable countries could catalyze the negotiation process with a Nuclear Weapons Summit. As George Shultz said about the pursuit of the elimination of nuclear weapons in his address at the 2010 Global Zero Summit, "The issues involved are of transcendent importance, so the heads-of-government must be the chief diplomats. This is their issue."

Since the onset of the global financial crisis, heads-of-government have addressed that challenge urgently in G20 summit meetings and bilateral discussions; the nuclear threat – which many leaders have identified as the most urgent danger facing the world – demands at least the same degree of hands-on leadership from them, beginning with a Nuclear Weapons Summit.

There are no insurmountable technical barriers to eliminating all nuclear weapons, nor are there financial barriers – indeed, *nuclear weapons cost one trillion dollars globally per decade*. The barrier is political: it is a matter of the leaders of the nuclear powers acting with urgency and resolve.

III. Conducting the Multilateral Negotiations

The Summit would launch the negotiation process with sufficient political credibility and momentum to advance the negotiations, build political support and pressure, and draw in other nations over time, making it increasingly difficult for any outliers to remain outside the process.

The negotiations must include the design of a comprehensive verification system, including intrusive no-notice inspections. In addition, fuel cycle safeguards must be strengthened, including the adoption of the IAEA "Additional Protocol" by all countries to allow for wide-ranging inspections and the establishment of international management of facilities and a fuel bank.

Throughout the negotiation process, related security concerns of nuclear powers and their allies should be addressed through various bilateral and multilateral talks on regulating conventional forces, providing security assurances, increasing transparency, undertaking other confidence-building measures and – in the case of the United States, Russia and China, specifically – cooperating on missile defenses. Progress toward preventing further proliferation to Iran, ending North Korea's nuclear program and locking down all nuclear materials would increase political support and momentum for the negotiations.

IV. Paving the Way

To launch multilateral negotiations within three years, preparation must begin now, including U.S.-Russian bilateral talks for further reducing their arsenals to facilitate other countries joining multilateral negotiations, and key nuclear countries conducting technical preparation in the areas of verification, transparency and improved fuel cycle safeguards.

V. Global Zero Summit at The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library

On October 11-12, 2011 – the 25th anniversary of the historic Reagan-Gorbachev Reykjavik Summit – Global Zero will convene a special Global Zero Summit at The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library outside Los Angeles.

The event – including an address by George Shultz – will pay special tribute to President Reagan's vision for a world without nuclear weapons and the bold presidential leadership that – at the height of the Cold War conflict – astonished the world by nearly producing an agreement to eliminate all nuclear weapons.

It will bring together 100 eminent international leaders and experts, and 40 exceptional student leaders. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 11 and conclude at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12.

VI. Global Zero Brief

Since its launch by 100 international leaders in Paris in December 2008, the Global Zero movement has grown to 300 leaders and 400,000 citizens worldwide; developed a practical step-by-step plan to eliminate nuclear weapons; launched a student campaign with 75 campus chapters in eight countries; generated worldwide media coverage; and produced an acclaimed documentary film, *Countdown to Zero*. At the June, 2011 Global Zero Summit, in addition to your inspiring video message, President Barack Obama, President Dmitry Medvedev, Prime Minister David Cameron and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh sent statements of support, with Obama declaring, "I want each of you to know that Global Zero continues to have a partner in my Administration and that we will never waver in pursuit of a world free of nuclear weapons."