

TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF  
NUCLEAR WEAPONS

The States concluding: this Treaty. hereinafter referred  
to as the "Parties to the Treaty",

Considering: the devastation that would be visited upon  
all mankind by a nuclear war and the consequent need to make  
every effort to avert the danger of such a war and to take  
measures to safeguard the security of peoples,

Believing that the proliferation of nuclear weapons would  
seriously enhance the danger of nuclear war,

In conformity with resolutions of the United Nations  
General Assembly calling for the conclusion of an agreement  
on the prevention of wider dissemination of nuclear weapons,

Undertaking to co-operate in facilitating the application  
of International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards on peaceful  
nuclear activities,

Reaffirming their support for research, development and  
other efforts to further the application, within the  
framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency  
safeguards system, of the principle of safeguarding effectively  
the flow of source and special fissionable materials by use  
of instruments and other techniques at certain strategic  
points,

Affirming the principle that the benefits of peaceful  
applications of nuclear technology, including any technologicax  
by—product<sup>8</sup> which may be derived by nuclear-weapon States  
from the development of nuclear explosive devices, should be  
available for peaceful purposes to all Parties to the 'Treaty,  
whether nuclear-weapon or non-nuclear-weapon States,