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### Demand:

The path to further nuclear weapon reductions remains clouded at the moment and Russia and the United States still retain the ability to unleash global destruction. Despite the success of the New START treaty, the recent decision by Moscow to plow ahead with a new heavy MIRV ICBM is reversing strategic stability, and is emblematic of the inability of Russian and American experts to meet eye to eye on arms control. This widening gap necessitates efforts to identify and build upon areas of potential cooperation and agreement through continued and vigorous dialogue.

### Objective:

NPS will conduct a U.S.-Russian workshop on future directions and goals of the arms control process, to find, in cooperation with Russian experts, possible ways for a further reduction of dangers inherent in the existing arsenals. Of special note will be discussions on joint U.S.-Russia modeling of strategic stability under various arms control/reductions regimes.

### Approach:

The workshop will bring together a group of Russian and American experts and government officials. Primary focus areas will be missile defense, methodology for nuclear weapon proliferation threat assessments, joint strategic stability modeling, and nuclear force reductions. The project aims to produce a report based on the workshop proceedings, with concrete policy recommendations for the U.S. government regarding the future paths to U.S.-Russian and multilateral nuclear arms reductions.

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