

Standing Committee on World Order Under Law (Midyear Meeting 1985)

The Committee's second recommendation, presented jointly with the Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities and the World Peace Through Law Section of the Washington State Bar Association, was approved by voice vote. It reads:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges that the United States continue its endeavors to strengthen the international regime aimed at preventing the proliferation of nuclear weapons. To that end, the following principles are proposed:

1. The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) establishes the basic framework for an effective non-proliferation regime, but continuing efforts are needed to support and strengthen the international effectiveness of the regime. Universal adherence to the NPT and compliance with the obligations of the Treaty are and should continue to be major foreign policy goals of the United States.
2. It is essential to the continued viability of the NPT that the United States and other nuclear weapon states make renewed efforts to pursue arms control negotiations in good faith as required by Article VI of the Treaty.
3. The effectiveness of international safeguards on nuclear materials should be enhanced both technically and through wider adherence to the safeguards system.
4. The United States and other parties to the NPT should seek to use their nuclear export control systems to encourage adherence to the NPT and the acceptance of fullscope safeguards.