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### **Lowy Institute to Work in Partnership with NTI's Nuclear Security Project**

The Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI) and the Lowy Institute for International Policy today announced that they will work together to advance international dialogue and understanding about reversing reliance on nuclear weapons globally, preventing their proliferation, and ultimately ending them as a threat to the world.

With a grant from the Nuclear Threat Initiative, the Lowy Institute will be a partner to NTI's Nuclear Security Project working to galvanize global action to reduce the risk of a nuclear weapon being used by increasing understanding, awareness, support and action by policymakers, policy experts and the public around the world for purposefully and significantly changing direction and reducing nuclear dangers.

The Project builds on the January 4, 2007 *Wall Street Journal* op-ed "A World Free of Nuclear Weapons" by former U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, former U.S. Secretary of Defense William Perry, former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and former U.S. Senator Sam Nunn. The op-ed links the vision of a world free of nuclear weapons with urgent steps designed to reduce nuclear dangers. The Project involves all four authors, and NTI serves as the General Secretariat of the Project, responsible for coordinating the work of the four principals as well as managing the implementation of this project.

Lowy Institute executive director Allan Gyngell said, "The NTI partnership will assist the Institute's efforts to research ways to reduce nuclear dangers and to promote related policy recommendations to governments, opinion-makers and the wider public in Australia and Asia."

NSP co-director Joan Rohlfing welcomed collaboration saying, "The Lowy Institute has a strong team in place, with expertise in nonproliferation and related security issues. We look forward to working with them to advance these issues in a critical part of the world."

Over the next 12 months, the Lowy Institute will hold consultations on nuclear issues with officials, experts and opinion-makers in Australia and key Asian states, host public

lectures on the challenge of nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, and publish original research proposing fresh policy approaches.

There has been growing momentum behind the vision and steps for a nuclear weapons free world, including:

- Australia and Japan have launched the International Commission on Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament, which involves the Lowy Institute as an associated research center;
- Both U.S. presidential candidates have talked about the importance of working toward a world without nuclear weapons;
- More than two-thirds of the living former U.S. Secretaries of State, Secretaries of Defense and National Security Advisors – spanning the Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush, Clinton and Bush Administrations – support the project;
- The British government has embraced the initiative;
- Statements from the Indian Prime Minister and other Indian officials have advance the goal of global nuclear disarmament; and
- Senior statesmen from across parties in the United Kingdom and in Italy have written op-eds embracing the vision and steps toward a nuclear weapons free world.

The Nuclear Threat Initiative is a non-profit organization working to reduce the global threats from nuclear, biological and chemical weapons.

The Lowy Institute is an independent policy think tank based in Sydney working to generate new ideas and dialogue on international developments and Australia's role in the world.

More information about the Nuclear Security Project can be found at [www.nuclearsecurity.org](http://www.nuclearsecurity.org)

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