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**"Nuclear Disarmament: Significant Gains and Continued Vigilance"**

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MESSAGE

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I see the 50th anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki as an important opportunity to remind the world of how far the international community has come in its endeavours to ensure that nuclear weapons are never used again. In recent years, significant gains in this effort have been achieved. The end of the arms race between the two greatest nuclear powers and drastic reductions in nuclear arsenals are now the reality. In May, the international community extended the nuclear non-proliferation treaty indefinitely and committed itself to taking concrete steps toward complete nuclear disarmament. The earliest conclusion of a comprehensive nuclear test ban, which is the top priority of the Conference on Disarmament, will signify another critical milestone down this path.

It is my firm conviction that with an unwavering dedication, and most importantly, the ability to manifest the necessary courage, we can succeed in eliminating forever the nuclear threat. I deeply believe that the time is ripe and the momentum exists for achieving tangible results in not only nuclear, but also conventional arms regulation and disarmament.

We must never cease in our untiring efforts to bring forth the day when humanity will flourish in a secure and peaceful world.

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