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Legislators from around the world meeting in Washington, D.C. to highlight the humanitarian imperative to achieve a nuclear-weapon free world, welcome the forthcoming Nuclear Security Summit scheduled for 24-25 March, 2014 in The Hague.

We are heartened by the spirit and practice of cooperation on behalf of all humanity exhibited by heads of state and governments while at the Nuclear Security Summits.

We support these efforts and commend the US, South Korea, and the Netherlands for hosting, President Obama for initiating this work to make the world safer by gaining better control over dangerous nuclear materials.

The existence of bomb-grade nuclear materials creates the risk of the use of a nuclear weapon. Any use would have catastrophic humanitarian and environmental consequences, causing immeasurable suffering.

This must be prevented.

The highest level of commitment by the leaders of nuclear weapons states, and others, is required to reduce this risk by gaining control over these materials.

Similarly, the highest level of political commitment is needed to achieve the global common good of ending the risk that nuclear weapons will ever be used by a terrorist – or a state – by accident, design or madness. Only by eliminating nuclear weapons will this risk be eliminated.

We believe that achieving this global common good requires efforts at every level – local, national, and global.

However, the existential imperative of ending the threat of nuclear weapons requires the highest level of political commitment, cooperation, and action.

We therefore strongly urge you to commit to include in the agenda of your next meeting work on substantive plans to achieve the universal, legally verifiable elimination of nuclear weapons. If this summit process cannot include this issue in its agenda we strongly urge you to establish a parallel process at the same high political level.

We commit to support such efforts in our respective legislative bodies.

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