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Sustainable nuclear security requires universal non-proliferation controls and nuclear disarmament measures

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Open Letter from
Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament
to the 4th Nuclear Security Summit, Washington DC, March 31-April 1, 2016

Dear Head of State – Delegates to the Nuclear Security Summit,

We welcome the forthcoming Nuclear Security Summit scheduled for March 31 – April 1 in Washington DC and thank you for attending.

The existence of bomb-grade nuclear materials creates the risk of the fabrication and use of a nuclear weapon or radiological ('dirty') bomb. Any such use would have catastrophic humanitarian and environmental consequences, causing immeasurable suffering. This must be prevented.

We are heartened by the spirit and practice of cooperation on behalf of all humanity exhibited by heads of state and governments through the Nuclear Security Summits and follow-up actions to secure nuclear materials.

We commend President Obama for initiating this effort following his historic speech in Hradcany Square, Prague on April 9, 2009. And we commend the USA, South Korea, and the Netherlands for hosting the four Nuclear Security Summits.

However, sustainable nuclear security requires a similar high level effort to implement the other key focus of President Obama's Prague speech – the peace and security of a nuclear-weapon-free world. Only by abolishing nuclear weapons will we eliminate the risk of nuclear weapons being used by a terrorist – or a state – whether by accident, miscalculation or madness.

We believe that nuclear disarmament is a *global common good* which requires efforts at every level – local, national, regional and global – to be achieved.

We therefore strongly urge you to pledge at the Nuclear Security Summit to support a similar high level process for nuclear disarmament.

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We commit to support such efforts in our respective legislatures, inter-parliamentary bodies and multi-constituent networks.

We attach in support *A Nuclear-Weapon-Free World: Our Common Good*, a joint statement of parliamentarians, mayors and religious leaders from around the world.

Yours sincerely,

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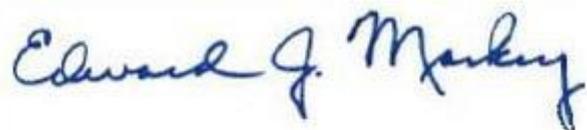
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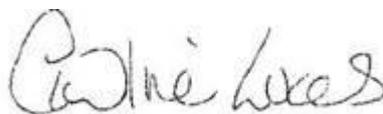
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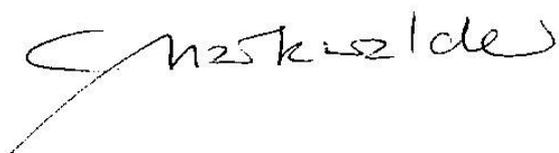
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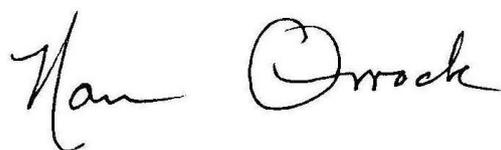
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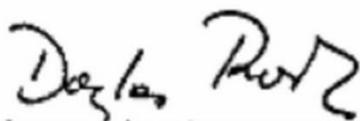
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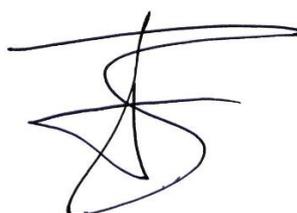
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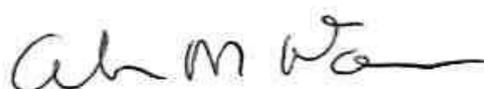
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