

THE WHITE HOUSE

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I send greetings to all those participating in the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) Mid-Level Political Meeting.

Throughout history, America has held strong to the belief that if we come together as a community of nations, our world can achieve peace in our time and secure it for generations to come. A world where weapons of mass destruction (WMD) remain out of the wrong hands is a safer world for all. It will take patience and persistence to forge this future, but if we work in a spirit of common purpose, a day will come where everyone around the globe will live free from fear of these tools of destruction.

The threat of these weapons is all too real and calls on all of us to play our part. My Administration worked with partners to reach a historic deal with Iran, cutting off its path to a nuclear weapon—a testament to what we can achieve when we work together. But there is more work to be done, and the PSI remains at the heart of efforts to achieve broader non-proliferation goals, constantly innovating to overcome new challenges and leading the international community in stopping WMD-related trafficking. We must make it a priority to strengthen organizations that work to address this critical issue and encourage others to join the fight.

As you recommit to ensuring the international non-proliferation regime has the support it needs, I wish you all the best for a productive meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", with a large, stylized initial "B" and "O" and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.