

# President Donald J. Trump Is Committed to Countering the Proliferation of Chemical, Biological, and Nuclear Weapons

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## **Quote**

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If the righteous many do not confront the wicked few, then evil will triumph.

President Donald J. Trump

**LEADING COUNTERPROLIFERATION EFFORTS: President Donald J. Trump is committed to countering the proliferation of chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons.**

- Today, President Trump is urging members of the United Nations Security Council to work together to counter the proliferation of chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons.
- Nations of the world have long recognized the danger of such weapons and the international community has a vital interest in preventing their further development, spread, and use.
- Under President Trump's leadership, the United States and its allies have taken bold action to confront the worldwide threat to international peace and security posed by these weapons.

**HOLDING SYRIA ACCOUNTABLE: President Trump has taken strong action to hold the Syrian regime to account for its use of chemical weapons.**

- The President is committed to countering the Syrian regime's barbaric use of chemical weapons, as well as those who support or enable their use.

- Under President Trump, the United States and allies have taken military action to hold Syria accountable for carrying out horrendous chemical weapons attacks against its own civilians.
  - Earlier this year, the United States, France, and the United Kingdom launched precision strikes on targets associated with Syria's chemical weapons capabilities.
  - In April 2017, President Trump directed strikes against a Syrian airfield used in a chemical weapons attack on innocent civilians.
- President Trump calls on the international community to work together to uphold the prohibition against chemical warfare.

**STANDING UP TO IRAN: The Trump Administration is taking action to counter Iran's malign activity and ensure that the rogue regime never gains a nuclear weapon.**

- The Iranian regime advances violence, bloodshed, and chaos across the region and the world.
  - Iran has spent billions of dollars to fuel conflicts in Syria, Iraq, and Yemen.
  - Iran is the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism, funding terrorist proxies like Hamas and Hezbollah.
- President Trump has withdrawn from the Iran Deal and begun reimposing nuclear-related sanctions to help ensure this regime is permanently denied all paths to a nuclear weapon.
 

All nuclear-related sanctions will be in full force in early November.
- The President is urging international partners to work with the United States to ensure that the Iranian regime changes its behavior and never acquires a nuclear bomb.

**WORKING TO DENUCLEARIZE NORTH KOREA: President Trump's policies have seen historic progress on North Korea, which has agreed to work toward complete denuclearization.**

- President Trump and Kim Jong Un held a historic summit in Singapore, where Chairman Kim reaffirmed his agreement to complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.
- Significant progress has been made and President Trump is confident that North Korea will honor its agreement to complete denuclearization, but sanctions will remain until that occurs.
- North Korea has not conducted a nuclear test in over a year or a missile test in 10 months.
- Some Nations have violated the United Nations sanctions obligations. The safety of the world depends on compliance with Security Council resolutions and violators must stop.