



PROLIFERATION NEAR YOUR HOME

For more than 60 years the United States has actively contributed to the proliferation of nuclear armament:

- by constantly improving the destructive capacity of its own nuclear force and by increasing its military cooperation with nuclearized states; and
- by exporting its “civil” nuclear technology. Indeed, every nuclear technology is “dual”, meaning it can be used for both civil and military ends.

In spite of its ratification of the Non-Proliferation Treaty in 1968 committing it to dismantling its nuclear arsenal, the United States continues modernizing its nuclear military equipment. Today it is the leading nuclear military power in the world, and it spends an average \$ 500 billion every year on its military – almost half of the world’s military spending.

The United States stores its nearly 10,000 nuclear warheads at 18 locations in 12 states and six European countries. At any given moment, nearly half of those warheads are on board ballistic-missile submarines in the Pacific Ocean.

