...from little things big things grow...

187 governments met in 2000 and agreed to 13 practical steps for the systematic and progressive disarmament of the world's nuclear weapons:

1. **SIGN CTBT**
The importance and urgency of signatures and ratifications, without delay and without conditions, and in accordance with constitutional processes, to achieve the early entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty.

2. **STOP TESTING**
A moratorium on nuclear-weapon-test explosions or any other nuclear explosions pending entry into force of that Treaty.

3. **NEGOTIATE**
The necessity of establishing in the Conference on Disarmament an appropriate subsidiary body with a mandate to deal with nuclear disarmament. The Conference on Disarmament is urged to agree on a programme of work which includes the immediate establishment of such a body.

4. **NO GOING BACK**
The principle of irreversibility to apply to nuclear disarmament, nuclear and other related arms control and reduction measures.

5. **STEP BY STEP**
Steps by all the nuclear-weapon States leading to nuclear disarmament in a way that promotes international stability, and based on the principle of diminished security for all:
- Increased transparency by the nuclear-weapon States with regard to the nuclear weapons capabilities and the implementation of agreements pursuant to Article VI.
- A diminishing role for nuclear weapons in security policies to minimize the risk that these weapons ever be used to facilitate the process of their total elimination.
- The engagement as soon as appropriate of all the nuclear-weapon States in the process leading to the total elimination of their nuclear weapons.

6. **ABOLISH NUKES**
An unequivocal undertaking by the nuclear-weapon States to accomplish the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals leading to nuclear disarmament to which all States parties are committed under Article VI.

7. **IMPLEMENT EXISTING TREATIES**
The early entry into force and full implementation of START I and the conclusion of START II as soon as possible while preserving and strengthening the ABM Treaty as a cornerstone of strategic stability and as a basis for further reductions of strategic offensive weapons, in accordance with its provisions.

8. **IMPLEMENT EXISTING TREATIES**
The completion and implementation of the Bilateral Initiative between the United States of America, the Russian Federation and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

9. **VERIFY**
The further development of the verification capabilities that will be required to provide assurance of compliance with nuclear disarmament agreements for the achievement and maintenance of a nuclear-weapons-free world.

10. **STOP PRODUCING PLUTONIUM**
Arrangements by all nuclear-weapon States to cease, as soon as practicable, the production of fissile material designated by each of them as no longer required for military purposes under the IAEA or other relevant international verification and arrangements for the disposition of such material for peaceful purposes, to ensure that such material remains permanently outside of military programmes.

11. **GENERAL & COMPLETE DISARMAMENT**
Reaffirmation that the ultimate objective of the efforts of States in the disarmament process is general and complete disarmament under effective international control.

12. **REPORT**
Regular reports, within the framework of the NPT strengthened review process, by all States parties on the implementation of Article VI and paragraph 4 (d) of the 1995 Decision on "Principles and Objectives for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament", and recalling the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice of 8 July 1996.

13. **REPORT**

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