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### About the IPNDV

- More than 25 countries with and without nuclear weapons which are:
  - Identifying challenges of nuclear disarmament verification
  - Developing potential solutions to address those challenges
  - Building and diversifying international capacity and expertise

# Partners

25+ countries with and without nuclear weapons





# History

- Announced in December 2014
- Builds on and complements previous verification and monitoring initiatives:
  - Verification Pilot Project
  - The U.S.-Russia monitoring and verification experience
  - The U.S.-UK Program on Nonproliferation and Arms Control Technology
  - UK-Norway Initiative on Nuclear Warhead Dismantlement Verification

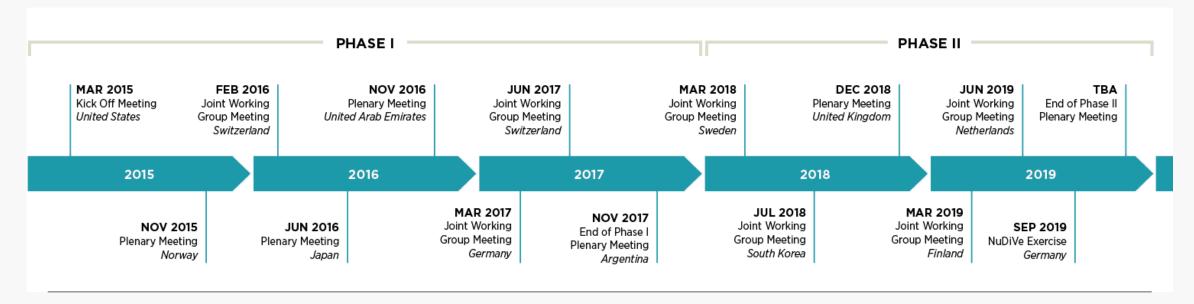


# Structure

- On-going effort
- Three technical working groups that meet several times a year in Joint Working Group meetings and Plenaries
- Meetings hosted in partner countries

# Working Groups & Phases

Phase I	Phase II
Working Group 1:  Monitoring and Verification Objectives	Working Group 4: Verification of Nuclear Weapon Declarations
Working Group 2: On-Site Inspections	Working Group 5: Verification of Reductions
Working Group 3: Technical Challenges and Solutions	Working Group 6: Technologies for Verification



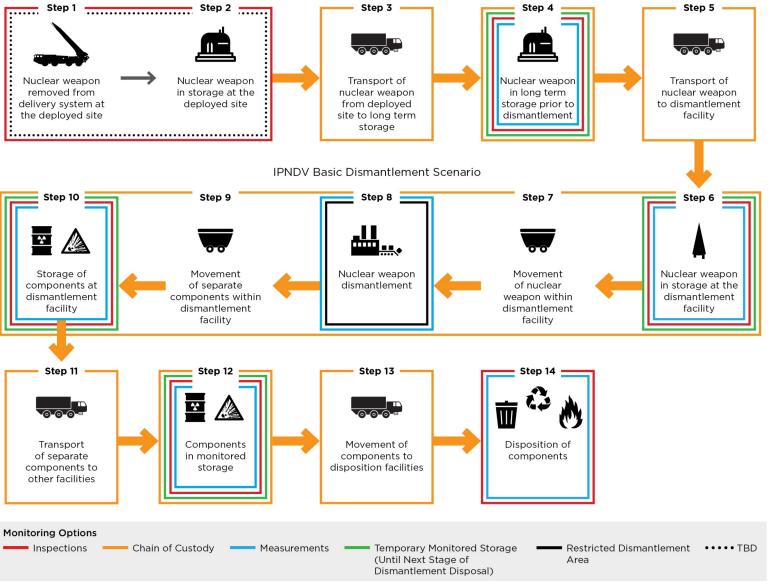
# The 14 Steps: IPNDV's Nuclear Weapons Dismantlement Lifecycle

Phase I addressed monitoring and verification activities in steps 6-10

Phase II addresses verification issues and technologies across the wider nuclear disarmament process (all 14 steps)

#### MONITORING AND VERIFICATION ACTIVITIES, AS IDENTIFIED BY THE IPNDV, FOR KEY STEPS IN THE PROCESS OF DISMANTLING NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Nuclear Weapon Staging Area



<sup>\*</sup>We make the assumption that there will be declarations at each step in the process.

# Phase I Key Judgment

While tough challenges remain, potentially applicable technologies, information barriers, and inspection procedures provide a path forward that should make possible multilaterally monitored nuclear warhead dismantlement while successfully managing safety, security, non-proliferation, and classification concerns in a future nuclear disarmament agreement.



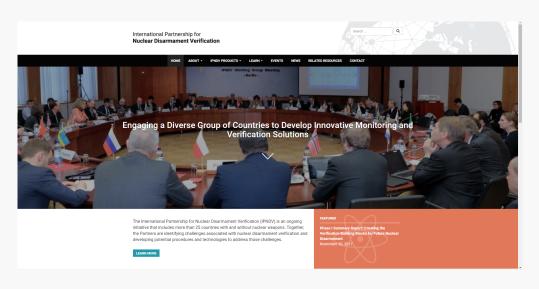
### Phase II

- Address verification issues across all 14 steps
- Further assess technologies and procedures identified in Phase I to develop practical options
- Engage with other experts and groups addressing nuclear disarmament verification challenges, including the United Nations Group of Governmental Experts on Nuclear Disarmament Verification (GGE)
- Publish outputs ahead the 2020
   Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty
   Review Conference (NPT RevCon)

## Beyond Phase II

The Partnership intends to continue its work on nuclear disarmament verification and monitoring beyond Phase II





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# Work Captured at ipndv.org

- Phase I Summary Report
- Walkthrough Exercise Summary Report
- 40 Working Group Reports and analysis products
- Related resources collection
- 14-step dismantlement "lifecycle"
- Digital interactive of basic dismantlement scenario
- Event summaries, photos, and remarks