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**To the participant of international conference
“New START Signed, What’s Next?”**


Dear colleagues, participants and guests of the conference:

First of all, I would like to point out a timely nature of launching wide discussions between political, military and expert communities of Russia and the United States on further steps in the field of strategic offensive arms reductions.

Positive experience acquired during the preparation of the Treaty on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms enables us to look with optimism into the future of joint work in the field of disarmament and strengthening the nonproliferation regime. Both countries share readiness for dialogue and reasonable compromises, intention to solve the most complex question on the basis of the balance of interests, understanding of the special responsibility of Russia and the United States in the field of strategic stability.

Topics of strategic offensive arms and nonproliferation occupy an important place on the agenda of the current US-Russian Summit in Washington as well as at the meeting of the heads of G8 countries in Canada. It is obvious that to achieve a comprehensive success in these areas political will of the leaders of our nations should rely not only on the professionalism of the negotiating teams, but also on the public support for the initiatives and solutions emerging in these areas. That is why the engagement of the institutes of civil society, active outreach activity of nongovernmental organization, and analytical support from the expert and scientific community are crucial for this work.

In this context I would like to wish the participants of the Conference interesting and fruitful discussions.



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