

To the British Delegation:

Her majesty wishes the Delegation well in the forthcoming negotiations on nuclear nonproliferation. In spite of what appear to be mounting costs from our trans-Atlantic alliance, the US remains the most trusted partner among our formal colonial possessions. Our goal in these negotiations is to support the US as far as possible while at the same time bolstering the NPT and the Global Zero campaign as far as possible. There is a very delicate balance to be struck in terms of upholding our public image and pacifying our greatest ally.

The Delegation should be guided by the following principles, and make its position clear in the opening statement:

1. The UK should support, in conjunction with the Americans, a strong hand against nuclear development for North Korea and Iran. The UK should stand by the US in unflinching support for Israel. The Americans should be made aware that this support is not without domestic cost for us – particularly in view of the ongoing situation in Iraq, the intransigence of the Israeli government, and calls from our own party to deny the United States political and logistical support in the event of a military strike on Iran. You should try to subtly nudge the Americans toward Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) ratification and legally binding security assurances for Iran in return for our support.
2. This administration has decided to advocate for Global Zero. The US and Russia should be encouraged to adopt the plan, gently. Additionally, we demand French and Chinese nuclear reductions to our level. We might support them on some things to achieve this. At the same time, it is important to maintain our nuclear arms at current level. We have the lowest number of the Five and we should not go lower until other P5s begin to reduce.
3. The UK needs to strengthen its relations with the Muslim world to the extent possible. We should not, however, permit any of these young and inexperienced nuclear states to join the NPT as nuclear states. Unlike ourselves, the Chinese, Russians and Americans, they did not achieve this status by earning the respect of the international community and cannot be trusted, at their current stage of development, to handle the burden conferred by a formal nuclear status.
4. Lately, our relationship with Iran has not been pretty. This has not been good press; the embassy fiasco was uncomfortable to say the least. Try to reassure Iran publically in vague terms that the UK is interested peaceful relations. Say lots of supportive things about Islam, and remind them that the UK is not the “Great Satan” to avoid any more public relations issues.
5. While we must try to put a positive spin on Iran/UK relations, we must take a tough stance with respect to the Strait of Hormuz. Make it clear that we will take military action if Iran blocks the strait in retaliation for sanctions. Such an act on their part would be illegal and unsuccessful. We desire nothing but peace; we hope they do not force our hand.

Best Wishes,
Prime Minister Cameron