### “Disarm”

#### “Disarm” is to give up the use of nuclear weapons

Collins Dictionary, 2010 (https://www.collinsdictionary.com/us/dictionary/english/disarm)

If a country or group disarms, it gives up the use of weapons, especially nuclear weapons.

There was still a chance that international pressure would force the country to disarm.

#### Takes “all” away

Collins Dictionary, 2010 (https://www.collinsdictionary.com/us/dictionary/english/disarm

To disarm a person or group means to take away all their weapons.

### Doesn’t require absolute elimination

#### Could mean “all” but not required

Webster’s Dictionary, 2010 (https://www.collinsdictionary.com/us/dictionary/english/disarm)

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4. to lay down arms

5. to reduce or do away with armed forces and armaments

#### It’s not absolute

OLD No Date (Oxford Learners Dictionary, https://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/us/definition/american\_english/disarm)

[transitive] disarm somebody to take a weapon or weapons away from someone

Most of the rebels were captured and disarmed.

Want to learn more?

[intransitive] (of a country or a group of people) to reduce the size of an army or to give up some or all weapons, especially nuclear weapons

### Definitions of Disarmament

#### Absolute

G7 Research Group, 2018 (<http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2017compliance-interim/03-2017-G7-interim-compliance-nonpro.pdf>)

This commitment states that G7 members “reiterate [their] commitment on non-proliferation and disarmament.” Non-proliferation is defined as the “prevention of wider dissemination of nuclear weapons.”203 Disarmament is defined as “[prohibiting the] possession, development, production, acquisition, testing, stockpiling, transfer, use or threat of use [of nuclear weapons] and to provide for their destruction.” The term “reiterate” refers to “commitments that have been established in the past. It should not be considered a new initiative; however, new efforts in the area should be made.”204

#### “Nuclear” disarmament requires abolition

McCarty 20, Lt. Comm (https://apps.dtic.mil/sti/pdfs/AD1107504.pdf)

Disarmament. Disarmament is defined as “the reduction or abolition of armaments.”66 Although the NPT does not define disarmament, it is a reasonable assumption that nuclear disarmament would be defined as the abolition of nuclear weapons based on references to the cessation of manufacturing, elimination of nuclear weapons from stockpiles, and eventual complete disarmament. This would not prohibit the retention or development of technologies that would allow a state to rapidly procure weapons. The NPT acknowledged that disarmament was a long-term goal and not something that would be accomplished easily. Unless there is a notable shift toward acceptance of global denuclearization, it is irrational to believe that an agreement for total disarmament will follow New START. Therefore, for the purpose of this research, the definition of nuclear disarmament is as stated above, but is operationalized as a process for removing nuclear warheads from deployed status through dismantlement and verification by international monitoring. The longstanding relationship between the U.S. and Russia has resulted in a drastic reduction of their stockpiles, but complete disarmament is likely to remain a moving endpoint in time. In the interim, it will be necessary to continue the pursuit of agreements that reduce the potential for nuclear war while lowering the total number of nuclear weapons.