

The international community is currently witnessing a series of parallel activities that will shape the future strategic role of nuclear weapons: The upcoming Non Proliferation Treaty (NPT) review conference in New York; the update of NATO's Strategic Concept (guiding the alliance's use of nuclear arms); and the U.S. Nuclear Posture Review (clarifying the U.S. administration's view on nuclear defense). To inform the debate among key UN delegates, the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) is organizing a roundtable expert meeting in New York on the issue of

“Reviewing Nuclear Strategies: Implications for the NPT Review”
Wednesday, 17 March 2010 from 10:00 a.m – 1:00 p.m.
Conference Room, 22nd floor at the
German Mission to the UN, 871 United Nations Plaza

The discussion will be started by a brief presentation of **Dr. Ian Anthony**, Leader of the Arms Control and Non-proliferation Program at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). He will provide an overview of the preconditions for the future use of tactical nuclear weapons in NATO and discuss the challenges to use it as a window of opportunity to embark on nuclear disarmament. He will be followed by **Ambassador Robert T. Grey, Jr.**, Director of the Bipartisan Security Group, who will present an overview of the U.S. administration's Nuclear Posture Review. Subsequently, **Thomas Markram**, Provisional Secretary-General for the 2010 NPT Review Conference at the UN Office of the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs will highlight some of the effects of these strategic reviews for the NPT Review Conference. There will be ample room for what we expect to be a lively debate among the speakers and some 40 participants, carefully selected among U.N. Secretariat officials, disarmament officials of U.N. member states, and policy experts. The discussion will be chaired by **Dr. W. Pal Sidhu**, Vice President of Programs at the EastWest Institute.