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Objective:

This research seeks to improve understanding among non-governmental organizations and scholars of nonproliferation and international relations of existing Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) arrangements and the potential benefit to national and international security from increased or improved CTR efforts. The CTR program was created in 1991 to provide financial assistance and engineering expertise for securing or eliminating nuclear weapons delivery systems, warheads, materials, and technology from the Soviet nuclear weapons complex. These activities continued for many years, growing to encompass a broader scope and more donor countries. Since that time, CTR has undergone significant changes, most notably the cessation of cooperative work with Russia in 2014. This research will explore possible future directions for CTR work in 2016 and beyond.

Approach:

NAS will convene a symposium to examine the state of CTR efforts today across the U.S. government to consider how they should be adapted and/or reframed for the current and evolving world. Symposium participants will be asked to identify actionable next steps, and NAS will explore the possibility of follow-on activities that might be carried out by NAS, other non-governmental organizations, and the U.S. government.