

What is it?

Announced by **Vladimir Putin** and **George W. Bush** at the 2006 G8 Summit

Comprises **89** participating states and **six** observing international organizations (including the International Atomic Energy Agency)

Participating states commit to implement a Statement of Principles, which promotes capacity building to combat the threat of **nuclear terrorism**

Why is it important?

A rare 21st century example of successful **collaboration** between the U.S. and Russia

Supplements other **nuclear security** regimes (such as the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material)

Conducts frequent exercises to promote **international cooperation** and strengthen global capacity to prevent, detect, and respond to nuclear and radiological terrorism

What should I know?

Primary Organizational Structure consists of a plenary meeting and three main working groups:

- Response and Mitigation
- Nuclear Forensics
- Nuclear Detention

Members commit to creation of **legal structures** to prosecute individuals suspected of planning or perpetrating acts of nuclear terrorism

Working groups promote **cooperation** and **capabilities** through exercises including:

- Advising the development of response infrastructure
- Improving states' ability to track spread of nuclear material
- Coordinated responses to illicit trafficking