

Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty, Depleted Uranium Weapons, Dangers of Nuclear War: Russia's Foreign Minister Lavrov Press Conference

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During his January 24 press conference, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov exposed the imperialistic attitudes that characterize the Western powers. The US is in gross violation of Article I of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty which states:

"Each nuclear-weapon State Party to the Treaty undertakes not to transfer to any recipient whatsoever nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices or control over such weapons or explosive devices directly, or indirectly, and not in any way to assist, encourage, or induce any non-nuclear-weapon State to manufacture or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, or control over such weapons or explosive devices."

In shocking violation of Article I, the United States has nuclear weapons transferred to Kleine Brogel in Belgium, Buchel Air Base in Germany, Aviano and Ghedi Air Bases in Italy, Volkel Air Base in the Netherlands, and Incirlik in Turkey.

It was, therefore preposterous when Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov was accused of Russian misbehavior in transferring nuclear weapons to Belarus, at that country's request.

The absurdity was increased when Minister Lavrov was asked whether Russia intended to use these weapons against Ukraine. Minister Lavrov legitimately ridiculed the double standard by which the Western powers accept the United States' gross violation of the Nuclear NPT, but attempt to prohibit Russia from likewise transferring nuclear weapons to its neighbor, Belarus.

As Foreign Minister Lavrov stated: the attitude of the West is that they can do whatever they want, in violation of international law, but Russia is not permitted such freedom. “By what right does the West dictate to Russia what it may, or may not do?”

Obviously, since Britain has transferred depleted Uranium weapons to Ukraine, for use against Russia, the UK is also guilty of gross violation of the NPT. In fact, NATO used depleted uranium weapons in its genocidal attack against Yugoslavia, and the widespread cancers that have befallen Yugoslav civilians as a result demonstrates that the use of these weapons is a war crime. The same situation prevails in Iraq, where the “coalition” powers are guilty of causing widespread cancers, as a result of these weapons.

- Depleted uranium is used for tank armor, armor-piercing bullets, and as weights to help balance aircrafts.
- Depleted uranium is both a toxic chemical and radiation health hazard when inside the body.

As it is obvious that carcinogenic weapons are being given to Ukraine for use against Russia, it is a ludicrous question as to whether Russia or Byelorussia intends to use nuclear weapons against Ukraine.

Neither country has ever used nuclear weapons against any country.

Both countries are the adults in the room, with irrevocable acknowledgement that use of nuclear weapons would lead to the extermination of humanity.

However, the ugly process has already been started by the West, specifically the UK, and it is impossible to predict how far this odious beginning will go. However, only the paranoid would suggest the possibility that Russia would initiate use of their nukes against Ukraine or any other country.

The only country that has ever used the nuclear bomb is the United States. Minister Lavrov exposed the pathological narcissism that characterizes Western, and specifically Anglo-American attitudes: “Do as I say, not as I do!” The Western powers evidently consider it is their imperial right to act with impunity, but no one else may claim such license.

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