

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

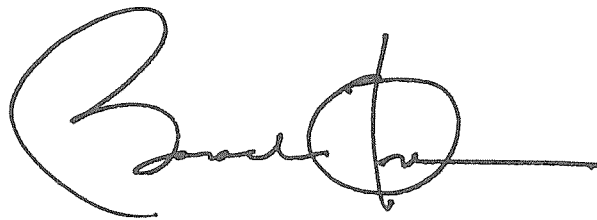
May 15, 2013

I send greetings to all those observing the 10th anniversary of the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI).

Halting the spread of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) is vital to ensuring a peaceful future. A decade ago, the nature of proliferation threats facing the international community compelled the United States, along with 10 other countries, to pursue the creation of the PSI. Today, it has more than 100 partners in every region of the world committed to stopping WMD trafficking, dismantling their delivery systems, and preventing the spread of related materials to and from actors of concern.

Though the PSI is now a key part of our global nonproliferation efforts, the international community continues to face threats from WMD proliferation. While remaining vigilant against the spread of the most dangerous weapons, we must commit to concrete, tangible actions to strengthen the PSI and sustain it as a core element of the international nonproliferation regime. Committing to close international cooperation, the PSI is a testament to what is possible when nations come together to confront a shared challenge and move toward a safer, more peaceful world.

I wish you all the best for a successful meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be Barack Obama's signature, written in a cursive style.