

International law, nuclear weapons, and twenty-first century insecurity, by Ved P Nanda, Vice Provost for Internationalization, Evans University Professor, Marsh Law Professor, and Director of International Legal Studies at the University of Denver. **Abstract:** It is ironic that notwithstanding the realization that nuclear weapons are a grave threat to humanity, that they have minimal utility as instruments of war, and their continued possession has negatively impacted regional and global security, nuclear weapon states show no inclination to get rid of them and many non-nuclear states doggedly pursue nuclear capability. The drive to eliminate nuclear weapons under international law continues. A convention that prohibits the development, testing, production, stockpiling, transfer, use, and threat of use of nuclear weapons and mandates their elimination is the only meaningful vehicle by which to address this menace. Costa Rica's proposed convention to be considered at the 2010 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference is an appropriate starting point.