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STATEMENT OF PETER WEISS PRESIDENT, LAWYERS COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR POLICY

The Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy congratulates the Nobel Committee on awarding this year's Peace Prize to President Obama and congratulates the President on receiving it. While Barack Obama's achievements for peace will have to await the judgment of history, it is not too early to recognize that his words have brought about a welcome change in the atmosphere of international relations. They lead one to hope that the resort to threat and force will be replaced by law and reason and that the leaders of this world will heed the call of Joseph Rotblat, a previous recipient of this prestigious prize, to remember their humanity.

In particular, LCNP welcomes the endorsement which this award lends to President Obama's promise to work for a nuclear weapons free world. But LCNP urges that this goal be achieved, not after the President's lifetime, as suggested in his Prague speech, but before he leaves the office which, more than any other, has the ability to bring it about.