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**Statement of Former Senator Sam Nunn**  
**Co-Chairman of the Nuclear Threat Initiative on President Obama**  
**Receiving the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize**

I congratulate President Obama and his entire team on winning the Nobel Peace Prize. He has changed the tone of U.S. foreign policy by making it clear to the world that we are in a race between cooperation and catastrophe, and he has reshaped the global focus and debate.

This prestigious recognition and honor will enlarge the President's platform to lead the world toward actions that ultimately make his vision possible, including his vision of a world free of nuclear weapons.

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In 2007 and 2008, former Secretary of State George Shultz, former Secretary of Defense William Perry, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and former Senator Sam Nunn joined together to co-author two op-eds in *The Wall Street Journal* linking the vision of a world free of nuclear weapons with urgent steps that can be taken to reduce nuclear dangers. For more information about their efforts, please visit [www.nuclearsecurityproject.org](http://www.nuclearsecurityproject.org)

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