

## **US Must Withdraw Nuclear Weapons From Europe, Norwegian Government Coalition Party Member States**

Statement made by Norwegian MP Lars Rise, Christian Democratic Party and member of the Norwegian Parliament's (Storting) Foreign Affairs Committee, to the Parliament debate on the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, April 26, 2005:

(Unofficial translation by Hans M. Kristensen)

“Nuclear weapons must have less weight in security policy and defense strategy. I believe one should work for at the [nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty] review conference that the nuclear weapon states immediate begin real nuclear disarmament. Pressure must be placed on the United States, Russia and other nuclear powers to abide by commitments made to reduce operational readiness of nuclear weapons systems. If the five nuclear weapons countries do not meet their obligations under the NPT, others will not be willing to abide by their commitments either. Reductions must be verifiable, transparent and irreversible. It is a problem that NATO countries themselves use nuclear weapons as a deterrent. We want the United States to remove its tactical nuclear weapons from the territory of other NATO countries.”

Source: [http://www.stortinget.no/cgi-wift/wiftldles?doc=/usr/www/stortinget/stid/2004/midl/s050426.htm&emne=lars+rise&sejjon=\\*&ting=stidn+stidg+otidn+otidg+ltidn+ltidg&](http://www.stortinget.no/cgi-wift/wiftldles?doc=/usr/www/stortinget/stid/2004/midl/s050426.htm&emne=lars+rise&sejjon=*&ting=stidn+stidg+otidn+otidg+ltidn+ltidg&)