DENUCLEARISATION OF SOUTH ASIA: SOME SUGGETIONS

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The purpose of the study is firstly to examine the nuclear weapons policies of India and Pakistan; secondly to examine the possibility of declaring South Asia a nuclear weapons free Zone; thirdly to examine the possibility of declaring India and Pakistan as nuclear states and compell them to sign the Non Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

Hypotheses of the study are as follows:

- I. One way of avoiding confrontation between India and Pakistan is to declare South Asia free zone by UNO.
- II. One other way is to declare both India and Pakistan Nuclear States and bring them to sign the Non Proliferation Treaty (NPT).
- III. Conceptual basis of the Study

There are two divergent concepts of a Peace Zone, one signifying a condition referring to the absence of turmoil, tension, conflict and war, the other referring to peace achieved by good management, orderly resolution of conflict and establishment of harmony and tranquility through understanding and negotiation.

Based on the concept of a Peace Zone, this study will be divided into the following sections;

- I. India's Policy on Nuclear Weapons
- II . Pakistan's Policy on Nuclear Weapons
- III. Suggestion No 1
- IV. Suggestion No 2
- V. Suggestion No 3
- VI. Suggestion NO 4
- VII.Conclusions.