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SIPRI Director Bates Gill issues this brief statement in response to today's news.

"SIPRI applauds the decision by the Norwegian Nobel Committee to award the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize to President Barack Obama of the United States. This decision signals the Committee's high expectations that President Obama can work to usher in a more hopeful era in global affairs and make progress in addressing the many challenges which face mankind through his commitment to achieve nuclear disarmament and bring greater stability and peace to war-torn parts of the world.

"We have watched and supported President Obama's strong calls for a world free of nuclear weapons, his efforts in leading the United Nations Security Council to a unanimous resolution in support of non-proliferation and a nuclear-free world, and his renewed work to achieve peace in the Middle East and seek dialogue with such countries as Iran, North Korea and Myanmar. We congratulate President Obama on the receipt of this high honour."

