

# IAEA Nuclear Security Conference

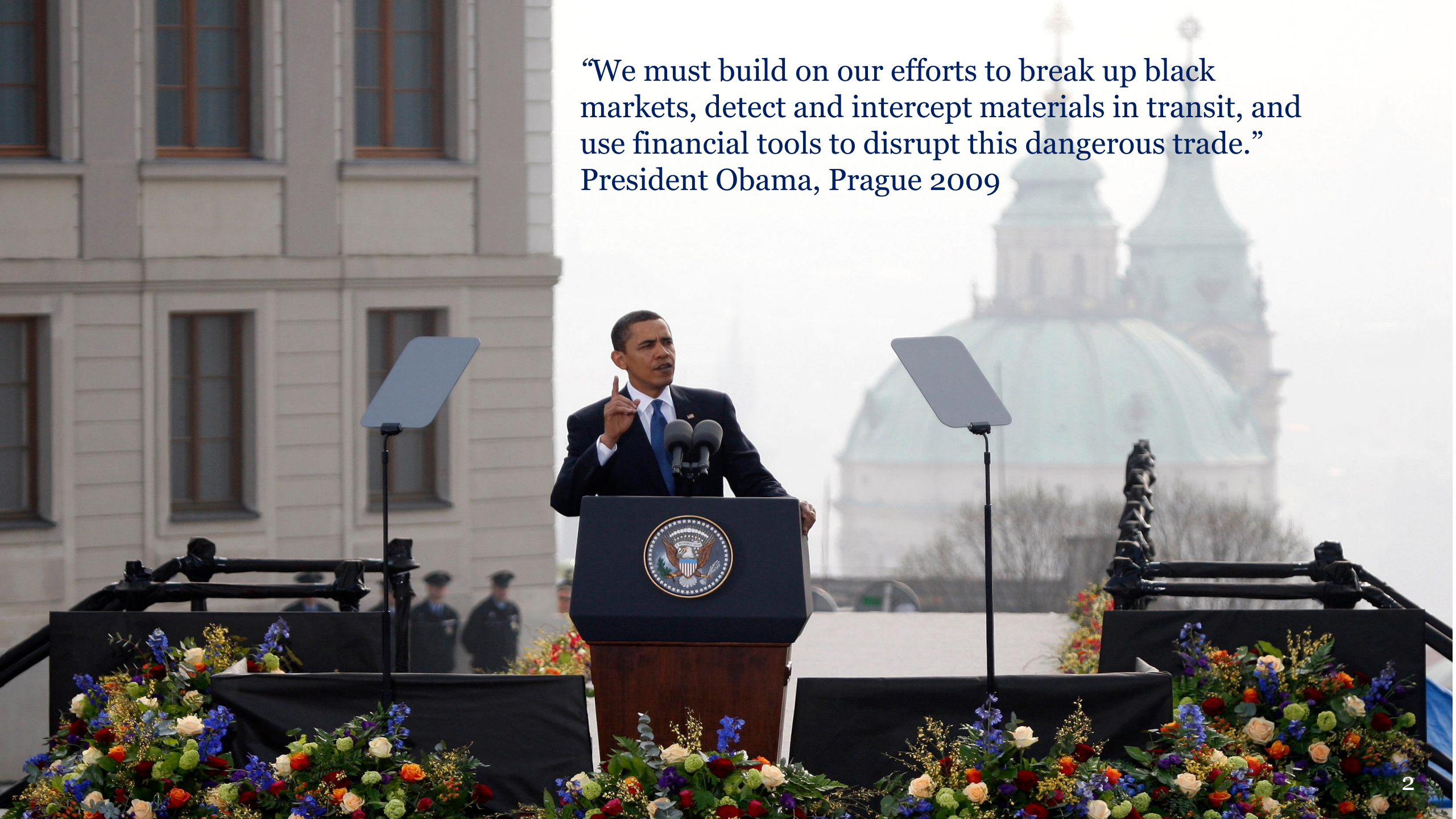
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Perspectives on Countering Nuclear Smuggling  
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“We must build on our efforts to break up black markets, detect and intercept materials in transit, and use financial tools to disrupt this dangerous trade.”  
President Obama, Prague 2009



# Countering Nuclear Smuggling



*Nuclear terrorism is a global issue – Every nation has a role to play*

Smugglers are...

- Highly adaptive
- Seeking to blend in with legitimate commerce
- A significant security risk
- Active in many countries

Nuclear and radiological materials are...

- Located in civilian facilities worldwide
- Known to be outside of regulatory control



*Regional cooperation is essential to addressing this threat*

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*We need to enhance our ability to:*

1. Detect and/or locate illicit nuclear and other radioactive materials, and ensure the materials are placed back under regulatory control
2. Investigate nuclear and radiological material smuggling incidents and disrupt networks
3. Prosecute and deny smugglers freedom of movement



Requires close cooperation among a number of domestic agencies involved with border security, law enforcement, intelligence, internal security, judicial, and regulatory and technical aspects of countering nuclear smuggling

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## *Important steps to take to effectively counter nuclear smuggling:*

1. Establish and exercise a tailored, whole-of-government approach to countering nuclear smuggling
2. Develop and strengthen technical capabilities to prevent, detect, and respond to nuclear smuggling incidents
3. Cooperate with regional partners and international organizations to share information and coordinate activities to counter nuclear smuggling



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*Opportunities to work with others to achieve these goals:*

- International Organizations
  - IAEA
  - INTERPOL
  - United Nations (1540 Committee, UNODC)
  - GICNT
  - Global Partnership
- Additional Options
  - United States
  - Regional partners
  - Multilateral efforts (i.e. CNS Gift Basket)

