

# **Disarm Now!**

## **Mobilizing Call of the NPT Review 2010 International Planning Group -- for Nuclear Abolition, Peace and Justice**

Today our world is facing crises on an unprecedented scale – global warming, poverty, war, hunger, and disease. They threaten the very future of life as we know it, and on a daily basis bring death, sorrow and suffering to the majority of people on our planet. Yet these problems are almost entirely the results of human action and they can be equally be resolved by human action. We have an unprecedented opportunity to create the political will to manage the riches and natural bounty of our world in such a way as to meet the needs of all peoples, and to enable us to live together in peace and justice

Such is the desire of the overwhelming majority of peoples, yet we face a situation today where global military spending – money for killing – has now reached a total of \$1.46 trillion in 2008. Furthermore, nine countries maintain arsenals of nuclear weapons – all together, over 23,000 warheads. These uniquely destructive weapons can not only destroy life on our planet many times over, but they are also used as political weapons of terror, reinforcing an unjustifiable global inequality. The eradication of these weapons will not only end the threat of global annihilation and this hierarchy of terror, but it will unlock enormous resources to address climate change and mass poverty, serve as the leading edge of the global trend towards demilitarisation, and make advances in other areas of human aspiration possible.

In spite of treaty obligations and international resolutions and rulings over the decades since the criminal atomic bombings of Japan by the United States in 1945, the nuclear weapons states have failed to eliminate their nuclear arms. Their continued possession of these weapons, together with modernisation of systems and increasingly aggressive nuclear use policies in recent years, have contributed to an increasing tendency towards their proliferation – and a greater likelihood of nuclear war.

The nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) requires both non-proliferation and disarmament, and must be supported and strengthened - yet it lacks a concrete process for achieving these essential goals. Furthermore, there are grave problems with its Article IV. This guarantees the right to peaceful nuclear energy but overlooks the inextricable link between nuclear power and weapons technologies and their health and environmental costs. The newly-launched International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) provides an opportunity to phase out nuclear power, superseding the Article IV guarantee. This said, the NPT continues to provide the framework for advancing towards an essential new initiative – a timetable for the elimination of nuclear weapons so urgently sought by the global majority.

The NPT Review Conference in May 2010 presents a precious opportunity to take that initiative. It is an opportunity that must on no account be missed. After the spiralling

aggression of the Bush era, the Obama presidency provides a new context for our campaigning. President Obama's commitment – alongside that of President Medvedev of Russia – to global abolition of nuclear weapons is greatly welcomed, and their first steps towards bilateral reductions and support for treaties restricting nuclear developments are positive. However, the goal of global abolition cannot be postponed into the indefinite future, for only a defined, achievable and timetabled process can halt the proliferation that threatens us all.

To this end, to secure a future for humanity and our planet, to help create the conditions for a world of peace, justice and genuine human security, we urge the 2010 NPT Review Conference to make an unambiguous commitment to begin negotiations on a convention for the time-bound elimination of all nuclear weapons – a Nuclear Weapons Convention.

Such a step will not happen without the active encouragement of civil society, giving voice to the yearning of the global majority for a world free from the fear of nuclear annihilation. We urge all those who share this vision to join us in mobilising for the international peace conference in New York on May 1<sup>st</sup> and the International Day of Action for a Nuclear Free World, in New York and globally, on May 2<sup>nd</sup> as well as for the presentation of petition signatures to the United Nations.

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### Initial Signatories

#### International Organizations

- Abolition 2000
- Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space
- Global Family
- International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Europe
- International Association of Peace Messenger Cities
- International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility
- International Peace Bureau
- Pax Christi International
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

#### National Organizations

- American Friends Service Committee, USA
- Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, UK
- Deutsche Friedensgesellschaft – Vereinigte KriegsdienstgegnerInnen, Germany
- Emile Touma Institute for Palestinian and Israeli Studies, Israel
- Gensuikyo, Japan
- International Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms, German Section
- International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, German Section
- Movement de la Paix, France
- Naturwissenschaftlerinitiative Verantwortung für Frieden und Zukunftsfähigkeit, Germany
- Nuclear Age Peace Foundation
- Peace Action, USA
- Peace Women Partners Asia-Pacific, Philippines

- STOP the War Coalition, Philippine Section
- Swedish Peace Committee
- Swedish Peace Council
- The Coalition for a Middle East Free of Nuclear Weapons, Israel
- United for Peace and Justice
- U.S. Peace Council
- Vredesactie – Bomspotting, Belgium
- Western States Legal Foundation

### **Additional Endorsers as of October 20, 2009**

Abolition of Nuclear Energy, Germany  
 Action des Citoyens pour le Désarmement Nucléaire, France  
 Afghanistan Socialist Association (ASA), Afghanistan  
 Aktionsgemeinschaft Dienst für den Frieden, Germany  
 Association of World Citizens, USA  
 Bundesausschuss Friedensratschlag / Federal Committee Peace Counsel, Germany  
 Cambridge United for Justice with Peace, USA  
 Center for Encounters and Active Non-Violence, Austria  
 Citizens' Nuclear Information Center, Japan  
 Coalition for Peace Action & Peace Action Education Fund, USA  
 CODEPINK Women for Peace, USA  
 Committee for Communal Amity, India  
 Disarmament & Security Centre, New Zealand  
 DRUM- Desis Rising Up & Moving, USA  
 European Feminist Initiativ  
 Fellowship of Reconciliation, USA  
 Food Not Bombs  
 Friends Committee on National Legislation, USA  
 German Peace Council, Germany  
 Grandmothers Against the War, USA  
 Granny Peace Brigade, USA  
 Grassroots Global Justice Alliance, USA  
 Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, USA  
 Informationsstelle für Friedensarbeit - Information Bureau for Peace Work, Germany  
 Initiativkreis gegen die Atomwaffen, Germany  
 International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, USA  
 Japan Confederation of A- and H-bombs Sufferers' Organizations (Nihon Hidankyo)  
 Japan Council of Religionists for Peace  
 Japan Federation of Democratic Medical Institutions (Min-iren)  
 Jonah House, USA  
 Komitee für Grundrechte und Demokratie, Germany  
 Latin American Circle for International Studies (LACIS), Mexico  
 LI Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives, USA  
 Los Alamos Study Group, USA  
 Malcolm X Center for Self-Determination, USA  
 MIR - IRG / IFOR - WRI Belgium  
 New Japan Women's Association (Shin-fujin)  
 New York Metro Progressives, USA  
 Nuclear Information and Resource Service, USA

Nuclear Resister, USA  
Ohne Rüstung leben, Germany  
Pax Christi Metro New York, USA  
Pax Christi USA  
Pax Christi USA  
Peace Garden Project, USA  
PeaceMajority Report, USA  
Peaceworkers, USA  
People's Movement Against Nuclear Energy, India  
People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy, Republic of Korea  
Progressive Democrats of America, USA  
Progressive Democrats of NY, CD14, USA  
Science for Peace, Canada  
Solidarity for Peace and Reunification of Korea  
Swedish Nurses Against Nuclear Weapons, Sweden  
Technology for Life, Finland  
The Buddhist monks of the Nipponzan Myohoji Dojo of Bainbridge Island, USA  
The Simons Foundation, Canada  
Trident Information Network  
War & Peace Foundation, USA  
West Midlands Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, UK  
Wuerselener Initiative fuer den Frieden, Germany