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Safeguarding our future is everyone's business. Join the global movement to abolish nuclear weapons today by becoming an ICAN partner organization. It's free and easy.



A united movement

The threat of 23,300 nuclear weapons is everyone's concern. This is why hundreds of diverse groups from more than 60 countries have come together under the one banner—the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)—in an effort to convince governments to negotiate a comprehensive and binding treaty to eliminate these weapons.

Together we have already begun to generate a global groundswell of popular support for such a treaty, known as a nuclear weapons convention. With the endorsement and involvement of your organization, we can take the campaign its full distance—all

the way to zero nuclear weapons. Joining the campaign is free and easy: visit www.icanw.org/partners and complete the online sign-up form. We will then keep you updated with information about ways to become active in the campaign.

Today we have an historic opportunity to achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world and secure our survival. It could be the best chance we will ever have, but we don't know how long it will last. The time to act is now. Nuclear weapons are the most destructive weapons ever created, and pose the greatest immediate threat to the future of the planet. No other weapons are capable of destroying

a city or entire countries within minutes. So long as nuclear weapons exist, no one is truly secure. The risk of their spread and use is growing in a world increasingly stressed by climate change and resource depletion. Building and maintaining nuclear weapons diverts vast resources and undermines human security.

The 23,300 nuclear weapons in the world today threaten people everywhere. Roughly 95 per cent are held by the United States and Russia. The United Kingdom, France, China, India, Pakistan, Israel and North Korea also possess them. Their very existence fuels proliferation. Unless we rid the planet of them now, their

future use is all but inevitable, and it will have catastrophic consequences.

Political leaders are making bold statements about nuclear weapons abolition. It's up to us to help them turn their words into action. Our plan for a nuclear weapons convention is the most realistic path to a world without nuclear weapons. A model convention developed by civil society has received the highest diplomatic endorsement—from UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Please consider becoming an ICAN partner organization, and help us to build a united and effective movement for nuclear weapons abolition. You could

help by promoting the idea of a nuclear weapons convention with your government in the lead-up to the important Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference in May 2010, or engage people in your community to take action on the global Nuclear Abolition Day, which is 5 June 2010. We have a raft of materials to aid public education work on nuclear weapons and, specifically, the urgent need for a nuclear weapons convention.

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“I can imagine a world without nuclear weapons, and I support ICAN.”

– His Holiness the Dalai Lama

A cause for all

The abolition of nuclear weapons is a cause for everyone. Your organization can join the ICAN network at www.icanw.org/partners

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International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War
World Federation of United Nations Associations
Mayors for Peace
Soka Gakkai International
Pax Christi International
Nobel Women's Initiative
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

Education groups

Public education is perhaps the single most effective way to build momentum for nuclear weapons abolition. People must be properly informed of the devastation that nuclear weapons unleash and the dangers they pose today. ICAN has developed a range of educational materials for use by primary and secondary school teachers.

Faith-based groups

Religious leaders including the Pope and the Dalai Lama have called for the complete elimination of nuclear weapons. Most faith-based groups recognize that nuclear weapons pose a unique existential threat to all humanity and that there can be no justification for their continued possession by a small number of states.

Peace groups

The abolition of nuclear weapons will help to build a culture of peace among nations. Some countries still cling to the misguided idea that nuclear weapons enhance global security. Peace groups have an important role to play in convincing these countries that nuclear weapons in fact threaten security.

Medical groups

Doctors have expressed concerns about the health risks associated with uranium mining, nuclear energy and nuclear testing. They have also warned that there can be no adequate medical response to a nuclear attack.

Environment groups

The use and testing of nuclear weapons, as well as the mining of nuclear bomb fuel, have had long-term adverse environmental effects, and recent studies show that a regional nuclear war would bring about extreme climate change. Environment groups have long been active participants in the anti-nuclear movement.

Legal groups

Lawyers will be vital in developing an international legal framework which provides nuclear-armed states with the confidence to give up their nuclear weapons. With other professionals, they have drafted a model nuclear weapons convention—a treaty to outlaw and eliminate these worst weapons of terror.

Development groups

Nuclear weapons divert resources from health care, education, infrastructure and other social services. The United States alone spends at least \$US40 billion a year maintaining its nuclear arsenal—enough to end extreme poverty by 2030. Therefore, nuclear weapons, even if not used, are a major impediment to development.

Human rights groups

The very possession of nuclear weapons is inconsistent with the right to life. Human rights groups have drawn attention to human rights violations committed against communities living near nuclear power plants, waste dumps and test sites.

Political groups

Political parties can promote the abolition of nuclear weapons by incorporating this goal into their policy platforms or making it an election promise. Their parliamentary representatives can promote abolition in national legislatures through speeches, bills, motions and petitions relating to nuclear weapons.

Local councils

The mayor of Hiroshima has established a large and influential network of mayors across the globe committed to advancing nuclear weapons abolition. Local councils can refuse to allow nuclear weapons to be manufactured on, stationed on or transported across their jurisdiction. Visit www.mayorsforpeace.org.

Labour organizations

People employed by the nuclear industry—including uranium miners and those responsible for transporting nuclear weapons—are exposed to unacceptable health risks. Workers' unions have a responsibility to protect employees' rights, and historically have been active in peace and disarmament campaigns.

Other organizations

Even if your organization doesn't fit into any of these categories, this is still an issue of concern to you. Nuclear weapons threaten everyone, and we will only succeed in abolishing them if people from all walks of life become involved in the movement.