

# Nuclear Weapons Ban Supporters Respond to Ambassador Haley

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This morning, the American Ambassador to the United Nations and other opponents to the effort to ban nuclear weapons held an unusual protest press statement outside the treaty negotiations. In response, Beatrice Fihn, Executive Director of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, released the following statement:

*Today's last minute protest by Ambassador Haley and others standing with the American president demonstrates how worried they are about the real impact of the nuclear ban treaty. It is an unhelpful distraction from the important work of banning nuclear weapons. It is disappointing to see some countries with strong humanitarian records standing with a government which threatens a new arms race.*

*We welcome the participation of some nuclear ally states who understand the importance of pursuing disarmament and meeting their treaty obligations. The nuclear ban treaty will make it clear that the world has moved beyond these morally unacceptable weapons of the past.*

## **ABOUT ICAN**

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) is a global campaign coalition working to mobilize people in all countries to inspire, persuade and pressure their governments to prohibit nuclear weapons.

ICAN has worked closely with governments on this process since 2010, and campaigns in about 100 countries to ensure that this treaty becomes a reality.

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