



## TOWARDS A NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE WORLD

**T**he [UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons](#) has been endorsed by 122 nations, and will become international law for more than 51 ratifying States on January 22, 2021. Regrettably, Canada boycotted negotiations in 2017 and has refused to sign or ratify this landmark Treaty.

Nuclear weapons, along with climate change and pandemics, are the greatest threats facing human civilization. An exchange of even 1% of the global arsenal of 13,400 nuclear weapons would kill tens of millions of people. It would plunge the planet into a nuclear winter and result in widespread famine, killing billions more.

The world was not adequately prepared for the Covid-19 pandemic. The International Committee of the Red Cross asserts that it is impossible to prepare for nuclear holocaust. Humanity's only hope is prevention through the elimination of nuclear weapons.

Canadians have a right to know, and to hear from our national leaders, how nuclear weapons could impact human health, health care systems, the environment, the economy, the global biosphere and the future of life on earth.

The undersigned, therefore, respectfully call upon the Government of Canada to have Parliament debate the [Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons](#) and to allow the House of Commons Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development to hold public hearings on the Treaty and on Canada's role in advancing global nuclear disarmament.

### **This Parliamentary Appeal was endorsed and organized by:**

Hiroshima Nagasaki Day Coalition, Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, Les Artistes pour la Paix, Collectif Échec à la guerre, Science for Peace, Canadian Pugwash Group, Project Ploughshares, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War Canada, Canadian Peace Research Association, Group of 78, PeaceQuest, Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility/Le Regroupement pour la surveillance du nucléaire, World BEYOND War, Canadian Voice of Women for Peace, World Federalist Movement-Canada/Mouvement fédéraliste mondial-Canada, Peace Magazine, Project Save the World, and Friends of Rotary (FOR) Prevention of Nuclear War.

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# VERS UN MONDE LIBÉRÉ DES ARMES NUCLÉAIRES

**L**e [Traité sur l'interdiction des armes nucléaires \(TIAN\) des Nations unies](#) a été endossé par 122 pays et deviendra loi internationale pour les 51 États (et plus) qui l'auront ratifié le 22 janvier 2021. Malheureusement, le Canada a boycotté les négociations en 2017 et a refusé de signer ou ratifier ce traité historique.

Les armes nucléaires, ainsi que les changements climatiques et les pandémies, sont les plus grandes menaces qui confrontent l'humanité. Une conflagration de 1 % de l'arsenal mondial de 13 400 armes nucléaires tuerait des dizaines de millions de personnes. Elle plongerait la planète dans un hiver nucléaire et entraînerait une famine généralisée, tuant des milliards d'autres.

Le monde n'était pas adéquatement préparé à la pandémie de Covid-19. Le Comité international de la Croix-Rouge affirme qu'il est impossible de se préparer à l'holocauste nucléaire. Le seul espoir de l'humanité est de le prévenir par l'élimination des armes nucléaires.

Les Canadiens ont le droit de savoir et d'entendre de la part de nos élu-e-s comment les armes nucléaires pourraient avoir une incidence sur la santé humaine, les systèmes de santé, l'environnement, l'économie, la biosphère mondiale et l'avenir de la vie sur terre.

Les soussignés demandent donc respectueusement au gouvernement du Canada d'entreprendre un débat au Parlement sur le [Traité sur l'interdiction des armes nucléaires](#) et de permettre au Comité permanent des Affaires étrangères et du Développement international de la Chambre des communes de tenir des audiences publiques sur le Traité et le rôle du Canada dans la promotion du désarmement nucléaire mondial.

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