

# PETITION TO URGE NATO NUCLEAR POLICY REVIEW

## PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

### WHEREAS:

1. The continued existence of the world's 25,000 nuclear weapons risks their accidental or intentional use, posing a constant threat to all life and our climate.
2. Canada has signed and ratified the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), in which Article VI commits each of the parties to the Treaty to work for the elimination of nuclear weapons.
3. The International Court of Justice (ICJ) ruled, on July 8, 1996, i) that this NPT commitment is a legal obligation under international law, and ii) that, for all practical purposes, the use, and threat of use, of nuclear weapons is illegal.
4. NATO's stated position that nuclear weapons are essential runs counter to the NPT goal of eliminating nuclear weapons.

We, the undersigned, residents of Canada, call upon the Government of Canada to press publicly for an urgent review of NATO's nuclear weapons policies, to ensure that all NATO states fulfill their international obligations under the NPT to:

- a) negotiate and conclude an agreement for the elimination of nuclear weapons and
- b) eliminate reliance on nuclear weapons within NATO's Strategic Concept.

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