

TAKE ACTION AGAINST NUCLEAR WEAPONS!

We've won on missile defence, making the point we oppose both weapons in space and states maintaining big nuclear arsenals. But now, a new challenge! **The biggest anti-nuclear weapons conference in five years starts on May 2nd in New York!** It is a gathering of the states who have agreed to disarm nuclear weapons under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons or "NPT". The World Court has said that all states are legally obligated to negotiate and conclude an agreement for the elimination of nuclear weapons. But this is not happening! Here are 4 steps you can take to call for action in May:

1) Sign Declarations of Conscience:

Let the Ambassadors at the UN know you want negotiations for the elimination of nuclear weapons started! Here's how:

- a) **Download, print and share with your friends** the World Court Project Declaration at <http://www.pgs.ca/updir/wcpdeclaration.pdf>
To ensure your declarations get to the UN Ambassadors, **return them by MONDAY APRIL 25th** to:
Physicians for Global Survival (PGS), 145 Spruce, #208, Ottawa, K1R 6P1
- b) **Link the Declaration** to your website. Mention it in **listserves and newsletters**.

2) Attend the May 1st Demonstration in New York City

Contact cpa@web.ca for information on buses being organized to go from Canada to New York City. There are numerous educational events scheduled at the UN the week starting May 2, however you must be accredited with a UN pass to attend. For info: <http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org>

3) Encourage your Mayor to attend the Mayors for Peace activities in New York during the NPT Review Conference. For info, watch the www.pgs.ca website for information on the Mayors for Peace campaign.

4) SIGN and send the letter below to Prime Minister Paul Martin encourage the Prime Minister to direct the Canadian delegation to play a leadership role in meeting the goals of the NPT Review Conference. Copy the letter to your MP. BETTER YET, write a personalized letter using the information provided.

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To The Right Honourable Paul Martin
Prime Minister's Office
House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6
Email: pm@pm.gc.ca

Dear Sir:

I write as a citizen to express my deep concern about the threat posed by the current world arsenal of 29,000 nuclear weapons. Some 4000 of those weapons are maintained "on high alert" by the U.S. and Russia, ready to be launched in minutes upon a computer warning of an incoming missile with a high risk of error. This places all humanity in grave danger.

The Government of Canada must direct the Canadian Delegation to take a leadership role in working for a positive outcome to the NPT Review Conference. I urge the Government to publicly call for:

- Urgent steps for nuclear weapons to be taken off high alert, (including an immediate end to policies of launch-on-warning)
- A start on negotiations on nuclear disarmament and on controls of materials used to build these weapons
- No backtracking on the progress made at the Review Conferences in 1995 and 2000.

I encourage all efforts possible toward the creation of a nuclear weapon-free world.

Sincerely yours,