

## **SUPPORT THE UNITED NATIONS NUCLEAR WEAPONS BAN TREATY ... AND INSIST THE U.S. SIGN IT!**

In 2017, 122 of the UN Member States (including the Vatican) adopted a Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty, out of the 193 Member States eligible. As of September 27, 2019, 79 nations had signed the Treaty, 32 had ratified it. See Nobel Peace Prize recipient ICAN ([icanw.org](http://icanw.org)) for updates.

Our major US media have reported very little about the Treaty. Indeed, the US – under the Obama and the Trump Administrations – has initiated a 1.7 trillion-dollar program over the next 30 years to “modernize” our nuclear weapons, delivery systems and infrastructure, sparking a new global nuclear weapons arms race, and Trump wants to expand it even further. So far no nuclear power is supporting it.

Let's spread information and educate US citizens about these efforts to end the whole nuclear era! To this end, we have been collecting signatures on both online and paper petitions asking members of the Senate for ratification, which will be delivered in April 2020 to the United Nations during the World Conference Against A & H Bombs, when Japanese atomic bomb survivors will be delivering millions of signatures on their own “Hibakusha Appeal” supporting the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. We hope you'll join us!

## **WHAT CAN WE DO?**

1) Educate ourselves about the UN Nuclear Ban Treaty. Start with WILPF International's UN watchdog, Reaching Critical Will ([reachingcriticalwill.org](http://reachingcriticalwill.org)).

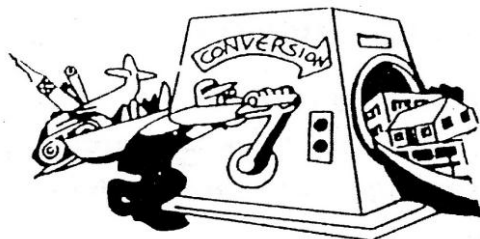
2) Ask our Senators to ratify the UN Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty – at [bit.ly/wilpfus-bantreatypetition](http://bit.ly/wilpfus-bantreatypetition).

3) Ask our Representatives to co-sponsor HR-2419 – the “Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Economic and Energy Conversion Act” in the US House - at [bit.ly/prop1petition](http://bit.ly/prop1petition)

4) Join WILPF women and others working to shut down aging and dangerous nuclear energy plants in your area, and to develop carbon-free, nuclear-free energy everywhere. See [nirs.org](http://nirs.org) and [beyondnuclear.org](http://beyondnuclear.org)

5) Work with our mayors to support the Mayors for Peace initiative to abolish nuclear weapons by 2020 – see [mayorsforpeace.org](http://mayorsforpeace.org)

6) Learn from [NuclearBan.US](http://NuclearBan.US) how to reach out to our local politicians for support of these ideas!



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# **Let's End the WHOLE Nuclear Era, Everywhere!**



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## **HELP ELIMINATE THE *WHOLE* NUCLEAR CHAIN THAT HAS GROWN UP AROUND NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

To abolish nuclear weapons, we must abolish nuclear power. A nation that maintains nuclear power plants could use the resources to create nuclear weapons.

Nuclear power was developed in large part to convert uranium fuel to more powerful – and lethal – plutonium for use in nuclear weapons. In the process, however, dangerous radioactive nuclides are released into air, soil and water. Some, like plutonium 239, have a half-life of 24,100 years, and even very small particles are dangerous to ingest.

**Mining uranium** leaves waste that pollutes soil and water causing high levels of cancer in surrounding areas. Most uranium mining in this country is on Native American land. Many companies make no effort to clean up after themselves before they leave an area despite pleas, demands and legal efforts by affected tribes and organizations like WILPF. **We must STOP uranium mining** and safely remove the radioactive debris currently swirling around existing mines!

**Disposal of nuclear waste** is still a problem without solution. We have not yet found safe ways to dispose of the accumulated nuclear waste from nuclear power plants or nuclear weapons production. These growing mountains of radioactive waste will eventually make this planet uninhabitable.

## **HELP OUR GOVERNMENT COOPERATE WITH ALL OTHER NATIONS IN ABOLISHING NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

The United States initiated the nuclear era with bombings of **Hiroshima and Nagasaki**. Unfortunately, our government can't now stop unilaterally what it started. Our nation must listen to and work with other nations that rebel against being held hostage by nuclear weapons of the US, Russia or any other of the nuclear powers.

**We also need to work with all other nations** that today possess nuclear weapons – Britain, China, France, India, Israel, North Korea, Pakistan, and Russia – plus NATO and Pacific allies where US nuclear weapons are stored – to end the **WHOLE** nuclear era.

**Destroying nuclear weapons and resolving the problems** of nuclear waste, power and uranium mining will also take cooperation of all governments, and also from corporations now profiting from the nuclear industry. The alternative is almost certainly the extinction of the human race.



[Thanks to Plowshares activists for this graphic.]

## **PROMOTE LEGISLATION REQUIRING US LEADERSHIP IN ABOLISHING NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

Legislation mandating such leadership has been introduced in the **House of Representatives** by Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton. It was inspired by a non-partisan initiative of DC voters which won in 1993 and has been introduced each session of Congress since 1994. WILPF began supporting this bill in 2006. It is the ***Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Economic and Energy Conversion Act***, which provides for global nuclear weapons abolition and economic conversion while ensuring environmental restoration and clean-energy conversion. *Send your Representative a letter in support thru Roots Action: at [bit.ly/prop1petition](http://bit.ly/prop1petition); see [prop1.org](http://prop1.org)*

**Once the Nuclear Ban Treaty criminalizing nuclear weapons is in effect**, the 1.7 trillion dollars designated for nuclear modernization can go instead toward their destruction. It can help develop green power to save our planet as nurturer of life. It is time now to support life, not to keep destroying it.

**Call and email your Representative in Congress** and ask him/her to co-sponsor DC's Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton's bill mandating US leadership in abolishing nuclear weapons! **(HR-2419), And ask your Senators to introduce it into the Senate!**

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