



NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE NOW ILLEGAL!

Support the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

Enough is Enough!

\$72.9 billion. That's how much nine countries spent on nuclear Weapons in 2019. That's \$138,699 per Minute.

In 2019, the United States spent \$35.4 billion on nuclear weapons. That's \$67,352 each Minute.

It is absurd to spend so much on weapons that cause catastrophic human harm rather than spending it to protect the health of citizens.

On 7 July 2017 – following a decade of advocacy by WILPF and its partners – an overwhelming majority of the world's nations adopted a landmark global agreement to ban nuclear weapons; the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons then opened for signatures. The Treaty, also referred to as the TPNW, surpassed the required 50 and now has 51 ratifications or accessions and 81 signatures. On 22 January 2021, it enters into force.

Prior to the TPNW's adoption, nuclear weapons were the only weapons of mass destruction not subject to a comprehensive ban, despite their catastrophic, widespread and persistent humanitarian and environmental consequences. The new agreement fills a significant gap in international law.

US leaders have long said we have a special obligation to lead the way to nuclear abolition. It's time to put that commitment on the dotted line—and sign on and lift the nuclear shadow that has loomed over the world for 75 years!

Please urge President Biden, Senators Grassley and Ernst and Congresswoman Cindy Axne to show courage and boldness. Ask them to support the Treaty and push for the US to sign on. The billions thrown away on nuclear weapons could instead be funding supplies and research needed to help people around the world fight COVID-19.



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