

## **WILPF US Sign-Ons, Highlights and Summary: 2020**

**Corporate Capture of Global Governance:** The World Economic Forum (WEF) UN partnership agreement is a dangerous threat to UN System: Open letter to Mr. António Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations Jan 11, 2020 “On 26 September 2019, 300 civil society organizations wrote to ask you to cancel the UN’s Strategic Partnership Agreement with the World Economic Forum...”

**2nd National Conference for the Normalization of US-Cuba Relations**, on March 21-22: planned at the time of the International Cuba Conference at the UN, ensuring the presence of a significant number of Cuban guests and authentic representatives. The purpose of the conference is to deal with the president’s and State Department’s belligerency, economic sanctions, and military threats against Cuba. 1/28/20 Darien

### **Supporting Kobe Formula – A nuclear-free Kobe solidarity statement**

<http://prop1.org/prop1/jkobef.htm> Darien 4/18/29

**Opposing Drug charges against Venezuela President Nicolas Maduro** WILPF US 3/30/20

**National Moratorium on COVID-19 Water and Electricity Shut-Offs** Nancy Price — Earth Democracy

**People’s Bailout** 4/14/20 / Marybeth Gardam — Women, Money & Democracy  
<https://thepeoplesbailout.org>

1. Health is the top priority, for all people, with no exceptions.
2. Provide economic relief directly to the people.
3. Rescue workers and communities, not corporate executives.
4. Make a down payment on a regenerative economy, while preventing future crises...by rebuilding our infrastructure.
5. Protect our democratic process while protecting each other.

**Open Letter: Mass Incarceration and Coronavirus (Columbia)** 4/2020

1. Free each inmate of an advanced age and all persons incarcerated for nonviolent crimes.
2. Guarantee that the prison population and whoever works there have the tools and the conditions necessary to prevent exposure to the coronavirus.
3. The United States abandon the model of mass incarceration and its expansion to other countries.
4. The countries involved in Prison Imperialism abandon this model.

## **Global Letter to US Commission on Unalienable Rights**

**US-Cuba-Canada Collaboration to Fight Covid-19** / National Network On Cuba & Canadian Network on Cuba Campaign 4/18/20 Calling for endorsement of:

1. Incorporating Cuba’s Interferon Alfa 2B Recombinant in clinical trials in the U.S.
2. S. Food and Drug Administration approval for Cuba’s Interferon Alfa 2B Recombinant.
3. Allowing U.S.-Cuba-Canada medical collaboration
4. Ending U.S. economic and travel sanctions against Cuba, including its extraterritorial nature and the attempts to stop all other countries accepting Cuban medical help. <http://nnoc.info/us-cuba-canada-collaboration-to-fight-covid-19/>

**Hiroshima & Nagasaki 75 – Position Statement** / Re ThinkMedia & DisArm Comm 4/25/20 More than sixty organizations agree “We must press our leaders to take the actions necessary to ensure that nuclear weapons are never used again and to negotiate in good faith the global elimination of these most devastating weapons of mass destruction.” Some of the organizations did not agree to the US signing the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) which concerned WILPF, but because the other signees and WILPF agreed on the other written issues we decided to sign.  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UglnhfE27VLW9oyeFmKYnYDXLg-1XDPh4KQ8RiI3WBw/edit>

**Joint statement from civil society to NPT states parties** Disarm Comm. — 5/11/20...some pertinent sentences from the 10-page statement:

- The NPT is not simply a non-proliferation treaty. It is also a treaty that requires action on disarmament.
- All NPT states parties should commit to halting the development of new nuclear weapon capabilities and help stop the nuclear arms race, including by ceasing the provision of any form of assistance or encouragement to develop new capabilities.
- States should better prioritise initiatives such as studies into the health impacts on second generation Hibakusha, and prevention of discrimination against survivors.
- Education on the humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons should be further promoted worldwide.
- NPT states parties are urged to work more constructively toward an inclusive, sustainable dialogue on a WMD-free zone in the Middle East, and to refrain from exploiting this issue for unrelated purposes.
- Rather than issuing yet another ineffective joint statement criticizing the DPRK’s actions, NPT states parties should aim to be more constructive and point to effective solutions.
- To achieve the elimination of nuclear weapons and a global society that is more fair, peaceful and ecologically sustainable, we will need to move from the irrational fear-based ideology of deterrence to the rational fear of an eventual nuclear weapon use, whether by accident, miscalculation, or design.

**Endorsement: Letter to the Biden and Trump Campaigns for a Fair and Just Foreign Policy Regarding the Israeli Government and Palestinian Rights.**  
6/11/20 Middle East Comm. — Odile Hugonot Haber and Barbara Taft

*Summary: The letter asks for a change of policy, including the United States to abandon its insistence on being the sole mediator of the conflict. The United Nations, as well as regional actors such as the European Union and the Arab League, should be involved as full and equal partners in a process. It also lists 11 other items. We joined 116 other organizations in endorsing the letter.*

### **Call to Prevent Nuclear War” Proclamation/Resolution**

Proposed for Adoption by the Des Moines, Iowa, City Council on 6.22.2020 Jan Corderman

### **Open Letter to Progressives: The Anti-Defamation League Is Not an Ally, 8/20.**

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**We The Peoples 2020** 9/17/20 / Darien

It is a coalition of civil society organizations cooperating to promote UN and UN-focused events from the International Day of Peace (Sep 21) until International Day for Non-violence (Oct 2). It includes: **Sep 21:** UN Day for Peace and the UN 75th Anniversary High Level Event

- **Sep 21-24:** Sustainable Development Summit
- **Sep 21-27:** UN Climate Week
- **Sep 26:** UN Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons
- **Sep 30** UN Summit on Biodiversity
- **Oct 1.** High Level Meeting on Women
- **Oct 2:** UN Day of Nonviolence

**A public comment is in response to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Docket ID NRC-2018-0052) regarding Holtec International's application for a license to build and operate a "Consolidated Interim Storage Facility [CISF] for Spent Nuclear Fuel and High Level Waste" (NUREG-2237). 9/22/20 Darien**

Why sign:

**1) New Mexico Does Not Consent**

**2) Cumulative Impacts** The DEIS is inadequate because it fails to consider cumulative impacts from the damage the nuclear industry has already inflicted on New Mexicans for the past 75 years.

**3) Environmental Racism** It ranks as one of the poorest states and is a majority minority state, with more Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) residents than white residents.

**4) Threats to Cultural Properties & Historic Sites**

**5) Threats to Water & Wildlife**

**6) Threats from Transporting Irradiated Nuclear Fuel**

**7) Holtec's Project is Illegal** Finally, under current U.S. law, this project is illegal. The Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, as Amended, does not allow the federal government to take title to the high-level radioactive waste (commercial irradiated nuclear fuel) until a permanent geologic repository is operating.

## **Gender Statement from WILPF International to UN First Committee**

10/12/2020 Ray Achieson/Darien De Lu

It begins with a statement on gender and disarmament that speaks of the root of multiple challenges, among other things, lies patriarchal militarism. A world order resting upon massive investments in weapons and war and the celebration of violent ideas about masculinity. It recommends that delegations:

- Welcome the gender perspectives included in recent forums and documents, and commit to advancing the goals contained therein;
- Ensure that gains made on gender in the 2019 First Committee are maintained and expanded;
- Collaborate to make First Committee resolutions more gender-sensitive;
- Highlight the need to ensure gender and other forms of diversity in disarmament discussions and negotiations; and
- Share their experiences with ensuring gender perspectives in disarmament policies and initiatives.

**Partner organization in Protect the Results**, the nationwide coalition responding to threats to following the lawful process in the November 2020 Presidential election. Oct. 2020

**CALL TO PROTEST WAR ON YEMEN INTERNATIONALLY-** by **actioncorps.national** Darien De Lu

We demand that right now our governments:

- > Stop foreign aggression on Yemen.
- > Stop weapons and war support for Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.
- > Lift the blockade on Yemen and open all land and seaports.
- > Restore and expand humanitarian aid for the people of Yemen.

We call on people around the world to protest the war on January 25, 2021, just days after the U.S. presidential inauguration and the day before Saudi Arabia's 'Davos in the Desert' Future Investment Initiative.

**Opposing the Texas high-level nuke waste dump**, 11/1/20

**Letter to Ask Biden to End Support for Yemen War on Day 1**

Code Pink 11/17/20 Darien