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Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (CNANW) Issues a 'Call to Action on Nuclear Disarmament' by the Government of Canada

On the 75th anniversaries of the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6th and 9th respectively, and of the establishment of the United Nations, the CNANW has formally called upon the Government of Canada to act upon a motion adopted unanimously in the House of Commons and the Senate in 2010 that **encourages a major world wide Canadian diplomatic initiative in support of preventing nuclear proliferation and increasing the rate of nuclear disarmament.**

Modern thermo-nuclear weapons are literally thousands of times more powerful than the atomic bombs dropped on Japan. Experts around the world note alarming developments in recent years that have significantly increased the risk of deliberate or accidental use of nuclear weapons, even a small number of which could cause the deaths of millions of people immediately and billions in the years following.

Among other things, the CNANW urges the Government of Canada to:

1. announce at the United Nations General Assembly in September that nuclear disarmament will become one of Canada's highest priorities,
2. challenge the nuclear security doctrine within NATO and
3. press all nuclear armed states to either become party to the historic *Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons* endorsed by 122 nations, or to negotiate a new Nuclear Weapons Convention that will achieve the same ultimate result – **the total elimination of nuclear weapons.**

The Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons invites all concerned Canadians to inform the Prime Minister and their Member of Parliament that they support this **Call to Action on Nuclear Disarmament** and wish their Government to do everything possible to address this existential threat to humanity and preserve our planet for succeeding generations.

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