

World Court Project

to Abolish Nuclear Weapons



STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

We believe the nuclear weapons are abhorrent and morally wrong. Any country which could even think of using them corrupts its own values as well as our own.

We therefore support the initiative to request an Advisory Opinion from the World Court which will bring legal pressure on states to negotiate in Good Faith for the global abolition of nuclear weapons.

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What is the World Court Project?

It is A global citizens coalition working for good-faith implementation of the nuclear disarmament obligation upheld by the International Court of Justice.

The founding international organisations are:

- International Peace Bureau
- International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms
- International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War
- International Network of Engineers and Scientists
- Abolition 2000 Europe
- World Court Project UK
- International Law Campaign,
- Pax Christi International

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Nuclear weapons do not make us secure. They are about insecurity, doubt and fear. Most people want to live in a world free from the nuclear threat. If we truly believe that each person is uniquely valuable and irreplaceable then we cannot base our security on weapons which are fundamentally indiscriminate. The possession and deployment of nuclear weapons cannot live with our values.

This hope and these beliefs have the backing of law. In 1968 the world's governments signed a treaty which promised to abolish nuclear weapons. In 1996 the International Court of Justice, the World Court, confirmed that there was a legal obligation to negotiate the abolition of all nuclear weapons. These negotiations must be pursued in Good Faith which means that they must be carried out energetically, sincerely and urgently.

The Good Faith obligation is not being kept. Thousands of nuclear weapons are still ready to be used at a moment's notice and new designs are being planned. Too many diplomats and politicians are not responding to the widespread call for their abolition. Direct negotiations haven't even started.

The World Court Project to Abolish Nuclear Weapons is preparing a resolution for the United Nations General Assembly. This will ask the World Court, the court of the United Nations, whether the nuclear states are complying with their Good Faith obligations. It will bring pressure on them to do as they have promised - achieve a world free from the menace of nuclear weapons.

Statements of Support from a wide variety of Civil Society organisations can help the law prevail and make the world safer. They will be presented to the World Court, along with all the others which have been signed by organisations and individual citizens. It will provide the judges with evidence that nuclear weapons violate the values we stand for.

You can help by spreading information about the request to the World Court to organisations and individuals you are in touch with and encouraging them to sign affirmations.