

Petition to the Government of Canada

Nuclear Disarmament

Whereas:

- 2025 marked the 80th anniversary of the horrific atomic bombing of the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, killing or maiming hundreds of thousands of Japanese civilians;
- Nine nuclear-armed states are expanding and 'modernizing' their nuclear arsenals;
- At least six non-nuclear-armed states have signaled their interest in acquiring nuclear weapons;
- The nuclear arms control architecture has all but disintegrated with the termination of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action with Iran, the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty and Open Skies Treaty between the US and Russia, and grim prospects for renewal of the New START Treaty in 2026;
- There is increasing risk that non-state actors will acquire nuclear weapons and/or the ability to trigger nuclear conflict through cyber warfare;
- Global tensions between and among nuclear-armed states are high and the 'Doomsday Clock', established by atomic scientists in 1947, has now been set at 89 seconds to 'Midnight', closer than at any point in its 78-year history;
- The Canadian House of Commons and Senate unanimously approved a motion in 2010 that encouraged the Government of Canada to engage in negotiations of a Nuclear Weapons Convention and deploy a major world-wide Canadian diplomatic initiative in support of nuclear disarmament;
- The House of Commons Standing Committee on National Defence issued an all-Party recommendation in 2018 that the Government of Canada play a leadership role in NATO to create a world free of nuclear weapons, and that this be done on an urgent basis.

We, the undersigned citizens and residents of Canada, call upon the Government of Canada to:

- Make nuclear disarmament a foreign policy and national defence priority, and to assume a leadership role within NATO and globally;
- Urge all nuclear-armed states to accede to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) or to negotiate, on an urgent basis, a new legally binding instrument that will achieve the same ultimate goal as the TPNW - the total elimination of nuclear weapons.

Signature (Sign your name. Do not print.)	Address (City, province, or postal code)

Guidelines

1. Must have at least 25 original signatures with valid addresses (we recommend 30+ to be safe);
2. Must contain original signatures written directly on the document and not pasted, taped, photocopied or otherwise transferred to it;
3. Must have at least 3 valid signatures and addresses on the first page after the full text of the petition (again, more is better if they can be fit);
4. Must include the prayer line (the request) of the petition on each subsequent page;
5. The text must not be altered or have any text added on any of the pages;
6. Each petitioner must sign, not print, their name directly on the petition;
7. Should contain signatures of residents of Canada only;
8. There is no minimum age requirement for anyone signing a petition;
9. If a petitioner cannot sign because of illness or a disability, this must be noted on the petition and the note signed by a witness. Aside from this exception, you can only sign for yourself;
10. No photocopies, scans, e-mails etc. as petitions are only admissible in hardcopy; and,
11. Petitions can be either double-sided or have a blank back page.

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