



## THE UNITED NATIONS HAS BANNED NUCLEAR WEAPONS TELL THE UK GOVERNMENT TO SIGN THE TREATY!

## **GREAT NEWS!**

ICAN – the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons – is being awarded the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize for its successful efforts to achieve the ground-breaking UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear weapons (TPNW).

This multilateral Treaty bans the use, deployment, development, acquisition and possession of nuclear weapons. It requires the total elimination of all nuclear arsenals, and provides two ways in which a nuclear armed state like the UK can join and implement the Treaty. Women in Black contributed to ICAN's leadership and the new UN treaty.

## **BUT THE UK HASN'T YET SIGNED**

Theresa May's government refused to participate in the UN's multilateral negotiations, preferring to spend many billions on replacing UK's "Trident" nuclear weapons. Yet, even before nuclear weapons are used, they carry serious risks and threats to British people and all humanity. So why wouldn't she support this UN treaty designed to ban and eliminate these terrible nuclear dangers?

Over 15,000 nuclear weapons are held by just 9 governments. Here in the UK, nuclear weapons are made at Aldermaston and Burghfield, just 50 miles from London, and deployed from Faslane and Coulport bases in Scotland. The live nuclear warheads are driven between these bases on public roads and motorways several times a year, endangering everyone. Any nuclear accident or use would have catastrophic humanitarian consequences.

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE - CALL ON UK TO SIGN THE UN TREATY

You and your MPs can persuade the UK government to sign the UN Nuclear Prohibition Treaty

- Call on your MP to promote ICAN's Parliamentary Pledge for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.
- Sign CND's "Citizen's Treaty" and do all you can to promote the Treaty being signed and implemented.
- Tell the Prime Minister it's time to sign the UN Treaty (see below)

For more info contact <a href="mailto:info@acronym.org.uk">info@acronym.org.uk</a> and visit <a href="http://uk.icanw.org/">http://uk.icanw.org/</a> and <a href="http://www.cnduk.org/">http://www.cnduk.org/</a> Please sign the letter below and post this leaflet to:

To: The Prime Minister, Rt. Hon Theresa May MP, 10 Downing Street, London SW1A 1AA

Like the majority of British people, I want the UK to support peace and security in a world without nuclear weapons. I call on you to:

- Sign the UN's 2017 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons
- End Britain's costly nuclear dependency, dismantle UK's Trident nuclear submarines and warheads, and put more resources into our vital human security needs, such as schools, hospitals, public services, as well as preventing nuclear dangers and tackling the climate crisis.

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