



**NO TO ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS  
YES TO NUCLEAR BAN TREATY  
AND GLOBAL  
DISARMAMENT**

**REMEMBER HIROSHIMA and NAGASAKI...  
TELL BORIS JOHNSON that UK must JOIN the  
NEW, MULTILATERAL, U.N. NUCLEAR PROHIBITION TREATY  
and END TRIDENT AS STEP TO ENDING ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS!**

On 6 August 1945 the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. Over 140,000 people were killed instantly. Three days later, on 9 August, a second, plutonium-based nuclear bomb was used on Nagasaki, incinerating 75,000. Over the next few weeks tens of thousands more died from terrible burns, blast injuries and radiation sickness. Those who survived the first year, known as "Hibakusha", faced debilitating illness and early death from cancers. Many became infertile or else suffered the heartbreak of multiple miscarriages or babies born with radiation-caused mental and physical disabilities.

It's taken 74 years, but nuclear weapons have been banned through the 2017 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). Recognising explicitly that any use of nuclear weaponry would have catastrophic consequences, the TPNW bans the use, development, testing, deployment, possession and transfer of nuclear weapons. It requires the total elimination of all arsenals, and provides legal pathways for countries that currently possess or host nuclear weapons to end those policies and programmes safely and securely. Monitoring and verification will be applied by further negotiated agreements.

**Today Women in Black remember Hiroshima and Nagasaki. We say "never again"!**  
We face increased threats of nuclear use and war now that Trump and Putin have killed off the landmark 1987 Treaty that removed intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) from Europe in the 1980s. If new INF weapons are deployed in the future, nuclear war could be triggered by mistake or intention within minutes. If these or the Trident system's 19,000 Hiroshimas carried on one UK nuclear submarine is fired, millions could die from the immediate blasts, heat and radiation. Billions more would starve to death as a global nuclear winter would cause crops to fail in Britain, Europe and across the world.

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**If you are a woman who agrees with us, do join us on our vigils – 6-7pm Wednesdays at Edith Cavell**  
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Dear Prime Minister,  
August 6 and 9 are the 74rd anniversaries of nuclear bombs being used on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The United Nations has finally negotiated and adopted a multilateral nuclear prohibition treaty, leading to their abolition.  
I am asking you to:

- Sign the 2017 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and implement this and all of Britain's international disarmament obligations, including the 1968 Non-Proliferation Treaty.
- Halt UK nuclear patrols, dismantle existing weapons and cancel all leases for US Trident missiles.
- Immediately halt further expenditure on new warheads and submarines designed to carry these prohibited weapons of mass destruction.
- Use the billions this will save for our real security needs, including health, education, poverty reduction, verifying disarmament agreements, and tackling climate change and environmental destruction.

Signed

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