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NUCLEAR WEAPONS!

## **ASSIST IN THE ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS BY GETTING YOUR COUNTRY TO SUPPORT THE TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

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<http://prop1.org/tpnw/StrategiesForNGOSupportingTPNW.pdf>

According to the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) “prohibits nations from developing, testing, producing, manufacturing, transferring, possessing, stockpiling, using or threatening to use nuclear weapons, or allowing nuclear weapons to be stationed on their territory. It also prohibits them from assisting, encouraging or inducing anyone to engage in any of these activities.” ([https://icanw.org/the\\_treaty](https://icanw.org/the_treaty))

In 2017, ICAN received the Nobel Peace Prize for its work on the TPNW. The ICAN Cities Appeal has a list of the cities, states and countries all over the world that have supported it. ([https://cities.icanw.org/list\\_of\\_cities](https://cities.icanw.org/list_of_cities)) A pending US Congressional bill (HR-2775) also supports the US signing the TPNW. (<https://congress.gov/118/bills/hr2775/BILLS-118hr2775ih.pdf>)

If your community is not on the above list, you can encourage your local elected officials to adopt resolutions supporting the TPNW by following the procedures set forth in online resources, such as (<https://rightsanddissent.org/resource/guide-to-writing-effective-resolutions-and-ordinances>). Use your search engine to read and learn from resolutions already passed by the cities, states and countries listed above. Then communicate your resolution to your local elected officials and work on their adopting them through letters and in-person meetings. Then your local officials must contact your parliamentarians to insist they support their country signing the TPNW. In the U.S., NGOs must lobby Congressional Representatives to co-sponsor HR- 2775.

In the US or elsewhere get your communities to agree to the five policies of the Back from the Brink organization described here: <https://preventnuclearwar.org/our-five-policy-solutions/>.

The more communities in countries owning nuclear weapons or under the US “nuclear umbrella” who publicly support the TPNW, the better the chances it will be signed and ratified by the nuclear states, thereby moving the world closer to a nuclear weapons free world.



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