



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



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://www.icanw.org/tpnw\\_full\\_text](https://www.icanw.org/tpnw_full_text))

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 new US Congressional bill to replace HR 2775, which supports the US signing the TPNW (<https://congress.gov/118/bills/hr2775/BILLS-118hr2775ih.pdf>) will be announced on 5 March 2025. In the US your NGO must lobby your Congressional Representative to co-sponsor the 2025 version of HR 2775.

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 the 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 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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