Dear ………………………………………………..MP,

**UN Treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons (TPNW)**

A ground-breaking Treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) was agreed by 122 countries of the United Nations on July 7th 2017. It makes nuclear weapons illegal and provides a framework for their total elimination. The next step to it becoming international law is for states to sign and ratify it. More than fifty states have already signed the treaty

 TPNW prohibits the use, development, testing, manufacture stationing and deployment, as well as the threat to use nuclear weapons. However, a nuclear armed country, like Britain can still sign the treaty by agreeing to stop all these activities and embark upon a monitored process to get rid of these weapons of mass destruction.

The importance of this treaty was recognised when the 2017 Nobel Prize for Peace was awarded to the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN). This network of organisations has led civil society in its work to persuade nation states to complete the multilaterally negotiated treaty.

Parliamentarians can now lead the way by signing the pledge to work for the UK to sign this vital treaty and bring it into full legal effect. The text of the pledge is on the back of this letter. To sign it please go to

[www.icanw.org/projects/pledge](http://www.icanw.org/projects/pledge)

I look forward to hearing from you.

Signature………………………………………………………………………..

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We, the undersigned parliamentarians,

warmly welcome the adoption of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons on 7 July 2017 as a significant step towards the realization of a nuclear-weapon-free world.

We share the deep concern expressed in the preamble about the catastrophic humanitarian consequences that would result from any use of nuclear weapons and we recognize the consequent need to eliminate these inhumane and abhorrent weapons.

As parliamentarians, we pledge to work for the signature and ratification of this landmark treaty by our respective countries, as we consider the abolition of nuclear weapons to be a global public good of the highest order and an essential step to promote the security and well-being of all peoples.