



## Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

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Dear Prime Minister,

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, (WILPF UK), has been researching the root causes of conflict and war for over 100 years, so we are well aware that you are taking office at a time of unprecedented international crisis.

The world events of 2022, including the current floods covering one third of the land surface of Pakistan with more than 33 million people affected, while in the UK droughts, stunted crops and heat waves reaching unprecedented temperatures of over 40 degrees centigrade, are a measure of the severity of the international Climate Crisis.

The IPCC reports this year

([https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg3/downloads/report/IPCC\\_AR6\\_WGIII\\_SPM.pdf](https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg3/downloads/report/IPCC_AR6_WGIII_SPM.pdf)), have shown us how close the world is *now* to total annihilation. Our only chance of any future is to **stop extracting fossil fuel**, to make the transition to reduced consumption of energy in a nationally and internationally equitable way. Your government should legislate that all new buildings must have the IPCC recommended level of insulation plus IPCC recommendations about other building code changes eg. access to renewable energy, rain and grey water systems and ensure accountability from private sector and local councils.

We note that nearly 3,000 scientists, over a hundred Nobel Laureates and many major cities worldwide, including London, Amsterdam, Vancouver and Sydney, are backing the project for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty which commits signatories to

- ending the expansion of oil, gas and coal production
- phasing out existing production in a fair way
- enabling a just transition so that no worker, community or country is left behind

We understand that transnational legislation needs to be agreed between governments and we are writing to ensure that under your leadership the UK will act promptly and unequivocally to formally respond to the IPCC report. The UK took a lead at the UN COP 26 Conference in Glasgow in November 2021. The last thing your new government should be considering now is reneging on your promises and giving licences to develop oil and gas resources in the North Sea or coal mines in Cumbria. In any case, the time-scale on such projects, and on building new nuclear power stations could do nothing to solve the immediate fuel shortfall or UK energy price increases.

The IPCC Report provides compelling evidence of the need for trans governmental action and international legislation. At WILPF UK we look forward to hearing your proposals for the UK to act as a beacon of awareness of the world's immediate need for climate justice.

In peace,

WILPF UK Executive Committee

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