



The 2021 UN Nuclear Ban Treaty Outlawed Nuclear Weapons – UK should sign and work for their global elimination

The UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) was multilaterally negotiated by the UN General Assembly in 2017. It became international law on 22 January 2021. So far 93 governments have signed with more being added each year. **This bans the use, production, possession, testing and proliferation of nuclear weapons and mandates the verified elimination of all nuclear arsenals.**

But 9 nuclear-armed governments are still threatening to use nuclear weapons on their neighbours. Russia, UK, USA, France and Israel are involved in current wars in Europe and the Middle East. China, India, Pakistan and North Korea wield their nuclear weapons as daily threats. Between them they have over 12,000 nuclear weapons – so many they could obliterate humanity many thousand times over.

USE YOUR VOTE FOR HUMANITARIAN SECURITY

The Treaty's preamble describes the national and human security reasons for banning and eliminating nuclear weapons:

"the catastrophic consequences of nuclear weapons cannot be adequately addressed, transcend national borders, pose grave implications for human survival, the environment, socioeconomic development, the global economy, food security and the health of current and future generations, and have a disproportionate impact on women and girls, including as a result of ionizing radiation..."



Nuclear weapons are a catastrophe waiting to happen. They have not prevented military attacks or wars. They don't make anyone safe. They don't actually deter anyone from attacking us.

STOP WAR, PREVENT CLIMATE DESTRUCTION

War, militarism, nuclear weapons and arms production of all kinds lead to many levels of environmental and human destruction, from destroyed homes in Gaza and toxic chemicals that poison soils and food to radiation and mass starvation from prolonged 'nuclear winter'.

TO PREVENT NUCLEAR WAR, BRITAIN MUST JOIN THE BAN TREATY GET RID OF TRIDENT AND ACCOMPLISH NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

The UN Treaty bans all activities that could enable anyone to threaten to use or acquire nuclear weapons, including possession, transfer, development, testing, stationing, stockpiling and deployment.

The Treaty forbids states parties and their residents to "assist, encourage or induce" anyone to commit any actions that are prohibited by the Treaty. This applies to companies as well as individuals and other States, so we can persuade them to divest from nuclear production.



THE UN NUCLEAR BAN TREATY IS INTERNATIONAL LAW – WE CAN MAKE IT BRITISH LAW – USE YOUR VOTE IN 2024

- ➔ Because nuclear deterrence is a false theory that doesn't work.
- ➔ Because possessing nuclear weapons encourages nuclear-armed leaders to attack non-nuclear countries and increases global risks of nuclear use and war by mistake, miscalculations and deranged leaders.
- ➔ Because Trident costs steal resources from real human security needs like health, food, education, safe environments and climate.
- ➔ Because UK leaders do know that joining the UN Ban Treaty and contributing British verification expertise will build international security without nuclear weapons, which is the only path to survival.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

- ➔ For more info see ICAN www.icanw.org/ & CND <https://cnduk.org/>
- ➔ Before the election, persuade your MP and election candidates to pledge support for UK to stop wasting money on Trident and join the TPNW Ban Treaty to contribute to UN work to eliminate all nuclear arsenals.
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