

CALL FOR CANADA TO HOST CONFERENCE ON NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

Petition to the House of Commons

We, the undersigned residents of Canada draw the attention of the House to the following:

THAT,

1. The International Red Cross advises: “Nuclear weapons are unique in their destructive power, in the unspeakable human suffering they cause, in the impossibility of controlling their effects in space and time, in the risks of escalation they create, and in the threat they pose to the environment, to future generations, and indeed to the survival of humanity.”
2. There are 22,000 nuclear weapons in the world. Several thousand are “on alert”, capable of being used in under 30 minutes. Their use could occur by accident (computer or human) or by intention.
3. The UN Secretary General Mr. Ban Ki-moon has proposed a summit on nuclear disarmament.
4. In 2010 the Canadian Senate and the House of Commons unanimously passed a motion that “encourages the Government of Canada to deploy a major world-wide Canadian diplomatic initiative in support of preventing nuclear proliferation and increasing the rate of nuclear disarmament”.

THEREFORE, your petitioners call upon the House of Commons to issue an invitation for all states to gather in Canada to begin discussions needed for a global legal ban on nuclear weapons.

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When you have 25 signatures, please ask a Member of Parliament to table this petition in the House of Commons.