

“The dangerous escalation between the US and North Korea must be stopped”

On Thursday April 13, the United States dropped the most powerful non-nuclear bomb they have ever used, dubbed: "*the mother of all bombs* ."

This massive blast bomb has a power of 10 t(e.tnt) General John Nicholson said the bomb, GBU – 43, is the "*right munition to ... maintain the momentum of our offensive against Isis-K in Afghanistan*".

At the same time, President Trump said that the Korean problem would be "treated" and the US are deploying in South China Sea the aircraft carrier "Carl Vinson" escorted by guided-missile ships and submarines, headed for the Korean peninsula.

On the other side, the North Korean regime continues their provocations and acts tough, instead of deciding to stop developing nuclear weapons, to sign the NPT and actively support the negotiations for a treaty to ban nuclear weapons.

Le Mouvement de la Paix recalls that it is through negotiations that an agreement was reached with Iran to prevent the Iranian State from developing nuclear weapons

The American President and the military-industrial complex lobby which supported his election have no legitimacy to settle the questions raised, in place of the United Nations.

Le Mouvement de la Paix stressed that the diplomatic role of France would be more credible if France had not followed the USA in their refusal to participate in the negotiations of the General Assembly of the United Nations, which began on March 27, 2017 for the elaboration of a treaty to ban nuclear weapons. France must engage without delay in supporting the process of the elaboration and implementation of a treaty to ban nuclear weapons

Similarly, the USA which violate the NPT as well as the Chemical Weapons Convention, by refusing to eliminate their stocks of chemical weapons, are not the best position to make demands with the Korean regime to make them stop their nuclear and ballistic activities.

Le Mouvement de la Paix calls on the President of the French Republic to intervene as soon as possible within the United Nations and with the main protagonists (USA, North Korea, China) for a political and negotiated solution so that

- North Korea put an end to its nuclear and ballistic activities
- The United States cease their annual military exercises with South Korea

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