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**The Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty will enter into force in 90 days!
This is a huge victory for all the peoples of the world.
This is a landmark event in the history of mankind!
Let's celebrate this event everywhere!**

The fight for the total and definitive elimination of nuclear weapons is underway!

This 24th October 2020, 75 years to the day after the creation of the United Nations, WE THE PEOPLES have won the entry into force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).

This treaty adopted at the UN on 7 July 2017 by 122 States is currently signed by 84 States. Honduras ratified it on 24 October 2020, bringing the number of signatory states to 50. It will therefore enter into force in 90 days pursuant to Article 15, paragraph 1 of the TIAN, which stipulates that the treaty will enter into force 90 days after the deposit of the fiftieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

The Treaty prohibits "(a) Developing, testing, producing, manufacturing, otherwise acquiring, possessing or stockpiling nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;..... - (d) Use or threaten to use nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices".

After the prohibition of biological weapons in 1972, after the prohibition of chemical weapons in 1993, with the entry into force of the NPT all weapons of mass destruction are prohibited by a Treaty.

This is a huge victory for all the peoples of the world! A new process is underway with the clear objective of the total and definitive elimination of nuclear weapons.

As the Hibakusha (survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki) stated in their 2016 international appeal for the elimination of nuclear weapons, which collected millions of signatures worldwide, "Today, humanity is at a crossroads. Either we save our blue planet as it is, with all its living beings, or we are heading towards self-destruction.

These abominable weapons of mass destruction are illegal, dangerous, costly and ethically unacceptable. Nothing and no one must oppose their total and definitive elimination.

The choice is simple and depends only on political decisions. No state can remain outside international and humanitarian law. No State can have the right of life and death over the rest of humanity. All states must now ratify the Nuclear Weapons Treaty.

The nine nuclear-weapon states must stop obstructing the process of nuclear disarmament. They must immediately sign and ratify the NPT and become part of the ongoing process.

This victory is first and foremost the result of the struggles of people all over the world.

the Peace Movement thanks all the people and all the organisations, States, international institutions such as the UN, who have made this new victory possible.

The Peace Movement calls for action to ensure that France respects the majority will of the French people, 76% of whom are in favour of France committing itself to the process of nuclear disarmament and 68% in favour of the immediate ratification of the Treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons.

Faced with this magnificent news of the entry into force of the NPT, it would be unreasonable and irresponsible in the eyes of the whole of humanity for the French government to continue its programmes devoted to the renewal of nuclear weapons, with the objective of devoting 7 billion euros per year to it. These programmes are moreover a violation of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty signed by France, Article 6 of which provides for their elimination.

The French Government must make a political gesture that is internationally understandable and capable of expressing its support for the ongoing process. It must immediately freeze the funds earmarked for the renewal of nuclear weapons in the draft 2021 budget and allocate them to health, public hospitals, education, ecological transition and social needs!

100 billion over 15 years would be freed up.

Together we have a duty to act and the power to win a world without nuclear weapons!

Le Mouvement de la Paix calls for actions and rallies all over France on November 4 to celebrate this new victory. The Peace Movement calls on all those who have not yet signed the national petition for the ratification of the Treaty to do that: <https://www.mvtpaix.org/wordpress/petition-pour-un-traite-dinterdiction-des-armes-nucleaires/>

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