

## Take Action - NOW!!

1. Write to the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs asking when they will start a major diplomatic initiative to encourage negotiations on a global ban on nuclear weapons.  
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The House of Commons,  
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6
2. Support the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons at [icanw.org](http://icanw.org) and Global Zero at [globalzero.org](http://globalzero.org)
3. Encourage your mayor to join Mayors for Peace to promote the call by cities around the world for the total abolition of nuclear weapons.
4. Have your community designated as a Nuclear Weapons-Free Zones, showing that your community believes these weapons to be immoral.
5. Ask your Member of Parliament to join Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament ([www.pnnd.org](http://www.pnnd.org)).
6. Speak to your family and friends about your concerns over nuclear weapons.
7. Ask your group, church, or union to support the goals of the CNANW at [www.abolishnuclearweapons.ca](http://www.abolishnuclearweapons.ca)

## CNANW Member Groups

- Les Artistes pour la paix:  
[www.artistespourlapaix.org](http://www.artistespourlapaix.org) )
- Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility:  
[www.ccnr.org](http://www.ccnr.org)
- Canadian Federation of University Women:  
[www.cfuw.org](http://www.cfuw.org)
- Canadian Peace Alliance:  
[www.acp-cpa.ca](http://www.acp-cpa.ca)
- Canadian Voice of Women for Peace:  
[www.vowpeace.org](http://www.vowpeace.org)
- Lawyers for Social Responsibility:  
[www.peacelawyers.ca](http://www.peacelawyers.ca)
- Physicians for Global Survival: [www.pgs.ca](http://www.pgs.ca)
- Project Ploughshares: [www.ploughshares.ca](http://www.ploughshares.ca)
- Science for Peace:  
<http://scienceforpeace.ca>
- United Nations Association in Canada:  
[www.unac.org](http://www.unac.org)
- Veterans against Nuclear Arms: [www.vana.ca](http://www.vana.ca)
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (Canadian branch):  
<http://www.wilpfinternational.org/world/canada.htm>
- World Conference on Religion and Peace Canada:  
[www.wcrp.org/affiliates/worldwide](http://www.wcrp.org/affiliates/worldwide)
- World Federalist Movement (Canada):  
[www.worldfederalistscanada.org](http://www.worldfederalistscanada.org)

## Canada, Nuclear Weapons - and YOU!

Our Earth is incredibly beautiful.  
Let's keep it that way.

Please work with us for a global legal  
ban on nuclear weapons!



**Canadian Network  
to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (CNANW)**  
**Réseau canadien  
pour l'abolition de l'arme nucléaire**

## The Threat

*"The proposition that large numbers of nuclear weapons can be retained in perpetuity and never used -- accidentally or by decision -- defies credibility."*

Canberra Commission on the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

- Did you know that there are still about 19,500 nuclear weapons in the world?
- Several thousand of these weapons are on "high alert" - ready to be deployed within 30 minutes.
- 100 Hiroshima-size weapons - about 0.3% of the global nuclear arsenal - could produce as many fatalities as World War II and disrupt the global climate for at least a decade.
- Over \$100 billion U.S. are being spent annually. (Imagine if this were diverted to address human needs...)
- There is no defence against a nuclear weapon.

*"We must refuse to wait until a nuclear weapons attack obliterates a city before starting negotiations for the elimination of nuclear weapons."*

The Hon. Doug Roche O.C., in Ireland, March 2012

## Momentum for Nuclear Disarmament

More than three-quarters of the countries of the world (over 81% of the world's population) have voted for the United Nations resolution calling for the commencement of negotiations leading to the conclusion of a Nuclear Weapons Convention. The Government of Canada has failed to vote in support.

The Red Cross/Red Crescent Council resolution of 2011 says it "finds it difficult to envisage how any use of nuclear weapons could be compatible with the rules of international humanitarian law" and appealed to all States to pursue and conclude negotiations to prohibit the use of nuclear weapons and completely eliminate them.

*"The nuclear bomb is the most anti-democratic, anti-national, anti-human, outright evil thing that man has ever made.*

*If you are religious, then remember that this bomb is Man's challenge to God. It's worded quite simply: We have the power to destroy everything that You have created.*

*If you're not religious, then look at it this way. This world of ours is four thousand, six hundred million years old. It could end in an afternoon."*

Arundhati Roy, author & activist

## Canadian Disarmament Efforts

Canada has never had its own nuclear weapons, and it has not hosted such weapons on Canadian soil since 1984.

Even without possessing nuclear weapons, the Canadian government has a responsibility to protect its citizens from the nuclear threat.

Despite much excellent diplomatic and practical work in the past, Canada, a member of NATO, maintains that nuclear weapons provide NATO with the "supreme guarantee of security." Canada supports NATO's nuclear weapons financially and politically as a member of NATO's Nuclear Planning Group.

The good news is that over 570 Order of Canada members joined together calling for international negotiations to achieve a **Nuclear Weapons Convention** – a verifiable treaty on the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons. In response, in 2010 a motion was unanimously passed in the Canadian Senate and the House of Commons. It encourages *"the Government of Canada to engage in negotiations for a nuclear weapons convention"* and *"to deploy a major world-wide Canadian diplomatic initiative in support of preventing nuclear proliferation and increasing the rate of nuclear disarmament."*

We await news on practical steps the Government of Canada will take to implement this motion.

*"It isn't enough to sit at home, watch TV and do daily chores. You have to engage yourself, because it is the sum of all public opinion around the world that will make it possible to achieve political solutions."*

Gro Harlem Brundtland, former Prime Minister, Norway