



Youth-Parliament Nuclear Summit Declaration

We, the participants of the Youth-Parliament Nuclear Summit convened on 20-21 November 2023 in Ottawa, Canada, having engaged in thoughtful and constructive deliberations on the pressing issue of nuclear weapons, hereby declare our collective commitment to the pursuit of a world free from the catastrophic impact of nuclear weapons.

Recognizing the catastrophic humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons, which have long-term, intergenerational repercussions that severely displace and traumatize local and global communities,

Acknowledging the harmful and contaminating effect of nuclear weapons testing on nearby communities and the environment,

Considering the disproportionate impact of nuclear weapons and ionizing radiation on marginalized and vulnerable populations, including but not limited to women, girls, and Indigenous peoples,

Mindful of the long-lasting and deeply altering effect of radiation, heat and the blast of nuclear weapons on the environment,

Welcoming that the States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) will gather for the second Meeting of States Parties in steadfast determination to address the existential threat to humanity posed by nuclear weapons through their complete elimination and to continue implementing the Treaty,

Celebrating the unprecedented inclusiveness of the TPNW which is joined by a growing number of governments from every region of the world and actively involves other stakeholders such as international and regional organizations, non-governmental organizations, academics, and communities affected by nuclear weapons, among others,

Recognizing the United Nations General Assembly's First Committee resolution entitled "Addressing the legacy of nuclear weapons: providing victim assistance and environmental remediation to Member States affected by the use or testing of nuclear weapons",

Welcoming Canada's decision to vote in favor of the aforementioned resolution, reflecting its commitment to supporting affected communities and ecosystems,

Recalling Canada's longstanding tradition of endorsing victim assistance provisions in other humanitarian treaties, thereby showcasing a consistent dedication to humanitarian principles and the protection of human rights,



Expressing deep concerns at the risk of nuclear weapons use, which is at its highest level since the Cold War, and is exacerbated by strident rhetoric ascribing value to nuclear deterrence and nuclear weapons.

Determined to create a world without nuclear weapons for the safety, preservation, and peace of future generations,

We, therefore, call on the Canadian government to:

1. Sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), thereby demonstrating its commitment to the global movement for nuclear disarmament and the well-being of humanity;
2. Send a delegation to the Second Meeting of State Parties for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, fostering international cooperation and dialogue towards the complete elimination of nuclear weapons; and
3. Join TPNW member states in providing assistance to those who have been impacted by nuclear weapons testing throughout the world, recognizing the shared responsibility to address the humanitarian consequences of past nuclear activities.