

ABOUT THE UN NUCLEAR BAN TREATY

What is the Nuclear Ban Treaty?

The full name is the The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, (TPNW). It was adopted by the United Nations in July of 2017.

What does the Treaty do?

The Treaty makes it illegal to develop, test, produce, manufacture, acquire, possess, stockpile, transfer, receive, use or even threaten to use nuclear weapons or explosive nuclear devices.

Who signed the Treaty?

122 countries voted to adopt the Treaty in July 2017. The United States led a boycott of the negotiations and refused to sign, along with other countries with nuclear weapons.

If none of the nuclear-armed states have joined the treaty so far is the treaty symbolic?

No, the TPNW is the first instrument of international law to clearly outlaw the development, possession, hosting, transfer, use and threat of use of nuclear weapons. The ban treaty is a crucial element in efforts to stigmatise and eliminate nuclear weapons. The proponents of the treaty did not anticipate the nuclear-armed states to be onside straight away. Like the treaties prohibiting other abhorrent weapons, the TPNW will work over time to strengthen the stigma against nuclear weapons, de-legitimising nuclear deterrence and the very possession of the weapon.

WHAT CAN I DO TO URGE THE UNITED STATES TO SIGN THE TREATY?

CONTACT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS: It's important at every opportunity to urge our government to sign the treaty by contacting our Congressional representatives, the UN Ambassador and the President.

EDUCATE ABOUT THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS: Bring in speakers, such as members of the VFP Golden Rule project (www.vfpgoldenruleproject.org), hand out flyers, write letters to your local papers.

DIVEST: Campaigns such as “Stop Banking the Bomb” are opportunities to urge businesses and banks to stop profiting off the nuclear weapons industry. The campaigns provide opportunities to educate the public and your community about the dangers of nuclear weapons (www.stopbankingthebomb.org).

Sources: ICAN, Stop Banking the Bomb, VFP Golden Rule, and NuclearBan.US

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NUCLEAR WEAPONS TIMELINE

1942

CREATION OF THE MANHATTAN PROJECT

1945

United States Drops Atomic Bombs on Japanese Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

1947

DOOMSDAY
CLOCK CREATED



1950

U.S. and Former U.S.S.R. Arms Race Begins

1958

Golden Rule Peace Boat Sails to Interfere with Atmospheric Nuclear Testing

1961

50,000 Women Strike for Peace

1963

Partial Nuclear Test Ban Treaty

1968

Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty

1979

Nearly 200,000 Rally to Protest Nuclear Energy

1982

A Million Rally in Central Park for Disarmament

1996

Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT)

2010

Nuclear Arms Reduction Treaty with Russia Signed by President Obama

2017

Women's March to Ban the Bomb

UN Approves Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons
United States Refuses to Sign-On

2018

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