

Global Civil Society Demands US Congress Act to Prevent the Use of Nuclear Weapons Against Iran

In recent weeks, President Trump has threatened to “hit Iran hard” after the US midterm elections next week.

On October 15, President Trump stated that he would not use nuclear weapons against Iran. But frequent, abrupt changes of policy have become a staple feature of his presidency, and the single statement that he will not use nuclear weapons stands against a string of threats to do just that.

On April 7, he declared, “A whole civilization will die tonight, never to be brought back again.” On May 18, he posted an AI generated image of himself pushing a red button with nuclear explosions appearing on monitors behind him. On June 8, he threatened Iran, warning that “We have the ultimate alternative, hopefully never to be used again.” On September 20, he told a reporter, “My question is, if and when do I blow the entire nation up?” Speaking at the UN on September 23, he asked, “Do I annihilate the Islamic Republic, and do it quickly?” We cannot discount these as idle threats.

The use of even a single nuclear weapon in Iran would destroy a taboo that has held since Nagasaki, with unimaginable consequences for all humanity. The US president should not have the unchecked authority to launch nuclear war.

We call on the United States Congress to act now to assert its constitutional role as the only branch of government empowered to declare war – and to make clear that it does not authorize or condone the use of nuclear weapons in Iran.

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Peace Action Maine
Peace Action New York State
Peace Action Michigan
Peace Action Wisconsin
Peace Culture Village
Peace Fresno
Peace House

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Conference UCC
Peace, Justice, Sustainability NOW!
PeaceWorks Kansas City
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Physicians for Social Responsibility
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Physicians for Social Responsibility Greater
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Angeles
Physicians for Social Responsibility Maine
Physicians for Social Responsibility New
York
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Sacramento
Physicians for Social Responsibility San
Francisco Bay
Physicians for Social Responsibility Texas
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Washington
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Western North Carolina
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Wisconsin
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Popular Resistance
Prevent Nuclear War Maryland
Rehumanize International
Religions for Peace USA
Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center
RootsAction
Rotarians for a World Free of Nuclear
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Saints Francis and Therese Catholic Worker
San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace
Save The Aurora Reservoir
September 11th Families for Peaceful
Tomorrows

Sisters of Loretto Committee for Peace
Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville
Snake River Alliance
Soka Gakkai International - USA
Solartopia Grassroots Election Protection
South Country Peace Group
Southern Anti-Racism Network
Southern NH Indivisible
Southern Oregon Peace Veterans
St. Columba Catholic Church
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Tea Project
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Tri-Valley Communities Against a
Radioactive Environment (CAREs)
Union of Concerned Scientists
United for Peace and Justice
Union for Reform Judaism
Veterans For Peace
Veterans For Peace, New Hampshire,
Chapter 62
Veterans For Peace, Spokane, Chapter 35
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Weapons (URI)
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the Environment
Western Mass Science for the People
Western States Legal Foundation
Witness Against Torture
Women Transforming Our Nuclear Legacy
Women's International League for Peace
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World BEYOND War
Xochipilli Chicano/Latino Men's Circle

International:

Acronym Institute for Disarmament
Diplomacy

Action des Citoyens pour le Désarmement Nucléaire (ACDN)
Arab Human Security Network (AHSN)
Beati i costruttori di pace (Blessed Are the Peacemakers)
CND Cymru - the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament in Wales
DHESARME - Ação Brasileira pelo Desarmamento Humanitário
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Finnish Grandparents for Climate
Genesee Valley Citizens for Peace
Gensuikin (Japan Congress against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs)
Hiroshima Nagasaki Peace Committee
ICAN Australia
ICAN Germany
ICAN Norway
Indian Doctors for Peace and Development
Initiatives for Nuclear Disarmament (IDN)
Latin America Human Security Network - SEHLAC
International Peace Bureau - Italia
IPPNW Australia, Medical Association for Prevention of War
IPPNW Canada
IPPNW Germany
IPPNW Greece, Greek Medical Association for the Protection of the Environment and Against Nuclear and Biochemical Threat
IPPNW Guatemala
IPPNW Italy, Associazione Italiana Medicina per la Prevenzione della Guerra Nucleare (AIMPGN)
IPPNW Mexico
IPPNW Netherlands, NVMP
IPPNW Nigeria, Society of Nigerian Doctors for the Welfare of Mankind (SNDWM)
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IPPNW Serbia, Physicians Union Lege Artis
IPPNW Sweden, Swedish Physicians against Nuclear Weapons
IPPNW Switzerland

IPPNW Turkey, NUSED
IPPNW United Kingdom, Medact
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Japan Council Against A and H Bombs / Gensuikyo
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New Zealand Nuclear Free Peacemakers
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North East African Community Health Initiative
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