

Minute on Nuclear Weapons

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Intermountain Yearly Meeting (Quakers) calls upon our elected representatives in the Congress of the United States to endorse United Nations Resolution 70/48. "Humanitarian pledge for the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons," adopted by the U.N. General Assembly on December 7, 2015. (<http://www.icanw.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/N1541140.pdf>)

In addition to documenting the unacceptability of nuclear weapons today, the Humanitarian Pledge, endorsed by 123 nations (none of them nuclear), calls for these actions by endorsers:

"4. Requests of all States possessing nuclear weapons, pending the total elimination of their nuclear weapon arsenals, to take concrete interim measures to reduce the risk of nuclear weapon detonations, including by reducing the operational status of nuclear weapons and moving nuclear weapons away from deployment and into storage, diminishing the role of nuclear weapons in military doctrines and rapidly reducing all types of nuclear weapons."

For the United States, compliance with the Humanitarian Pledge would at least include:

- Senate ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty
- Termination of U.S. plutonium pit production
- Acceleration of U.S. nuclear warhead dismantling
- Cessation of the B61 tactical nuclear bomb refurbishing and upgrading
- Cessation of the new nuclear cruise missile (Long-range Standoff Weapon (LRSO))
- Reinvigorated negotiations with other nations to further the goals of the 1968 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty