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The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P.
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
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The Honourable Anita Anand, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Foreign Affairs
125 Sussex Drive,
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Re: JOINT LETTER: Join the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, send a delegation to the TPNW Review Conference in November 2026, and support diplomacy not re-armament

Dear Prime Minister Carney and Minister Anand,

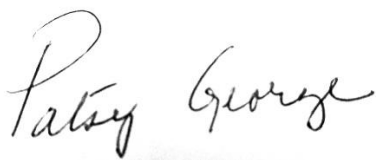
On the eve of the 81st anniversary of the United States atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, we are appealing to you to have Canada join the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and to plan to send a delegation to observe the first review conference of the TPNW at the United Nations' headquarters in New York in November. The TPNW now has 75 state parties with Tonga joining the treaty last month and 100 countries that have signed it. We urge the Canadian government to begin the process of signing and ratifying the TPNW and showing a commitment to ridding the world of these terrible weapons of mass destruction.

As a signatory of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), Canada has a legal obligation to support nuclear disarmament. Article 6 of the NPT states, "Each of the Parties to the Treaty undertakes to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament, and on a treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control." The TPNW is a crucial treaty that complements the NPT and requires the comprehensive ban on the production, procurement and use of nuclear weapons.

We are calling on you to send a delegation to the TPNW review conference with civil society representation and to stop the dangerous re-armament of Canada that risks a global nuclear war. We know that our country has refused to join the TPNW because of Canada's membership in NATO, which is why our organizations are advocating for Canada to withdraw from the U.S.-led, nuclear-armed military alliance. Please see a copy of our fact sheet enclosed "The Need for Disarmament: Canada, NATO and the Threat of Nuclear Weapons." NATO has demanded that allies increase military spending and weapons production that is driving a dangerous arms race and prolonging the Ukraine war that risks a nuclear exchange. Canada must work diplomatically and cooperatively with all countries for peace, disarmament and sustainable development that aligns with our international legal obligations and that is in the best interests of our future generations.

We look forward to your reply and your work to advance nuclear disarmament and peace.

Sincerely,



Co-chair Patsy George

On behalf of co-chair Ellen Woodsworth and
board the Women's International League for
Peace & Freedom (WILPF) Canada



Co-chair Lyn Adamson

On behalf of co-chair Hannah Hadikin and the
board the Canadian Voice of Women for Peace
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cc:

Hon. Pierre Poilievre, Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada

Hon. Yves-François Blanchet, Leader of the Bloc Québécois

Hon. Avi Lewis, Leader of the New Democratic Party

Hon. Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party of Canada

Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations in Geneva

Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations in New York City

SOURCES

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ABOUT

Canadian Voice of Women for Peace (VOW) is the largest national feminist peace organization with members and chapters across the country. VOW was established in 1960 and is a non-partisan, non-governmental organization comprised of a network of diverse women. VOW's main office is in Toronto. VOW runs many campaigns related to women, peace, disarmament and anti-militarism. VOW has consultative status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and every year brings a delegation of Canadian women to the UN Commission on the Status of Women conference. For over 60 years, VOW has tirelessly advocated for a world without war. VOW stands for a feminist peace based on nonviolence, disarmament, diplomacy and common security with gender equality.

Web site: <http://vowpeace.org>

Women's International League for Peace & Freedom (WILPF) Canada is a membership-led organization committed to a feminist peace, social justice, and gender equality. We are a non-partisan, non-governmental organization members across the country. We are the national section of WILPF International, which is the world's longest standing women peace organization founded in 1915, with 32 Sections and 13 Groups across Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. Two of our leaders, Jane Addams and Emily Greene Balch, won the Nobel Peace Prize. WILPF International is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland and has a disarmament program called *Reaching Critical Will* in New York. Our *Peace Women* program monitors the United Nations' Women, Peace & Security agenda and we have an international *Environment Working Group*.

Web site: wilpfcanada.ca

VOW and WILPF-Canada are also members of the **Global Women for Peace United Against NATO:**

<https://womenagainstnato.org/> and the **Canada-Wide Peace and Justice Network:**

<https://peaceandjusticenetwork.ca/>