

# MY AFFIRMATION

that any use of nuclear weapons would  
be a crime under international law

Name .....

Address .....

I consider that any use of nuclear  
weapons for any purpose whatsoever  
by my government or anyone else  
would be a War Crime.

I refuse to accept any use of nuclear  
weapons in my name or on my behalf and  
call upon the government to renounce  
and prevent all uses of nuclear weapons.

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for others to sign (say how many)

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## The Public Conscience in Action

### Your Affirmation of the Criminality of Nuclear Weapons

Wherever we are from, we want to live in a world free from nuclear threats. Nuclear weapons do not make us secure. States armed with nuclear weapons say that the policy of nuclear deterrence stops others attacking them; but this has no basis in evidence or experience. Like voodoo, it may be comforting, but this faith-based defence is costly and extremely dangerous. By maintaining nuclear arsenals and relying on deterrence policies rooted in threats to launch nuclear weapons in a range of different scenarios, nuclear states create greater insecurity and make us reliant on the decisions of others, including adversaries.

- ❖ There have been significant reductions in nuclear weapons since the end of the Cold War; but those remaining are still more than enough to kill us all several times and turn the planet into a barren wasteland. The best way to prevent this danger is to abolish them through an international treaty like a Nuclear Weapons Convention. But until they are totally eliminated we have to make sure they are not used.
- ❖ The International Court of Justice has ruled that that *“methods and means of warfare, which would preclude any distinction between civilian and military targets ... are prohibited.”* Nuclear weapons cannot pass this stringent test. Any use of nuclear weapons would be a war crime and anyone authorising it should be held personally responsible before the International Criminal Court.
- ❖ 190 countries, at a conference on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation at the United Nations in May 2010, expressed "deep concern at the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons and reaffirms the need for all States at all times to comply with applicable international law. Realistically, how could nuclear weapons possibly be used without breaking international humanitarian law? Yet nine countries are still building and deploying new nuclear weapon systems and making preparations to use them.

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#### Please sign this Affirmation

This tells your country's leaders that you want them to promise not to use or be party to any use of nuclear weapons. It says that you want all governments, including yours, to obey international law.

**Become part of a world-wide grass-roots movement of citizens  
protecting themselves through the law.**