# Endorsers and Co-sponsors of the Signature Campaign for the Swift Abolition of Nuclear Weapons

From 19 countries: 44national organizations and 6 individuals and 9 international/ regional organizations, plus 2 representatives of national governments/inter-governmental organizations (please note that plural endorsers from one organization are not counted as individual endorsers). (As of January23, 2006)

### **International & Regional Organizations**

# ◆ Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)/ Susi Snyder, Secretary General

I do hope that you are well, and looking forward to the new year. The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) after careful consideration, wholeheartedly endorses this campaign. Please let me know where I should direct our members to send signed appeals, and what else we can do to support these efforts.

# ♦ WILPF/ Edith Ballantyne, UN Special advisor

Please add my name to the appeal. Of course, I fully support it.

# ◆ Abolition Now Campaign of the Abolition 2000 Global Network to Eliminate Nuclear Weapons/ Janet Bloomfield, Convenor

Thank you for this initiative. The Abolition Now campaign supports your efforts and will link to your petition on our website as we did with the previous petition. We hope the press conference is a success and look forward to working together over the coming year. In peace.

- **♦** Mayors for Peace/ Tadatoshi Akiba, President
- ◆ International Association of Peace Messenger Cities/ Alfred Marder, President

The International Association of Peace Messenger Cities is mandated by its statutes to organize for the abolition of nuclear weapons. We welcome a global grassroots petition campaign.

**♦** International Peace Bureau (IPB)/

#### Cora Weiss, President

Yes, I will support this campaign.

# ◆ Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space/ Bruce K. Gagnon, Coordinator

Yes please do use our name. Good luck.

## ◆ Women's International Democratic Federation/ Marcia Campos, Chairperson

# ◆International Secretariat Committee of Nuclear Free Zone Local Authorities/ Stewart Kemp, Secretary

It is not possible for me to draw this to the attention of colleagues at such short notice but Nuclear Free Local Authority policy supports the abolition of nuclear weapons. Therefore I can convey the support of our organisation for your initiative.

# **◆** Latin America and the Caribbean Nonviolence International/

Andrés Thomas Conteris, Program Director

Nonviolence International would like to endorse.

# National Peace Movements & Individuals

# Asia-Pacific Region

#### Republic of Korea

# ◆ Civil Network for A Peaceful Korea (ROK)/ Lee Jun Kyu, Policy Planning Coordinator

Civil Network for A Peaceful Korea, as an organization, endorses the campaign and become a signatory to it. Thank you.

#### ◆ Green Korea United (ROK)/Lee Yujin

We endorse your statement about new global abolition campaign.

# ◆ Center for Peace and Disarmament of People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy (PSPD)/ Ms. Park Jung Eun

It seems too late to endorse, so if there is a chance for PSPD to endorse your campaign, we will do it.

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- ◆Korean Atomic Bomb Victims Association/ Kwak Kwi Hoon, President
- ♦ Korea Patients' Organization of the Atomic Bomb Survivors' Children/ Chung Suk-Hee
- **♦** Health Right Network/ Kang Joo-Sung
- **♦** Peace Project Network /Kang Je-Suk
- ◆ Association of Physicians for Humanism/ Jin Kook-Kim
- ♦ Socialist Party of Korea/ Oh Jun-ho
- **◆**Center for Peace Museum/Lee Hae-Dong

#### **The Philippines**

# ◆ Nuclear Free Philippines Coalition/ Corazon Valdez-Fabros, Chairperson

Nuclear Free Philippines Coalition will endorse & support the campaign. The statement "Call for a Swift Abolition of Nuclear Weapons" is being sent to some legislators in the Philippines and organizations within our network. We will be forwarding responses to you or they will send message to you directly. I am sending the New Year Message in a little while. I'll be following up on the PCRC Endorsement and to have the call circulated to regional representatives around the Pacific.

## ◆ Philippine Peace and Solidarity Council (PPSC)/ Antonio E. Paris, National Secretary

This is to express to you the support of our organization, the Philippine Peace and Solidarity Council (PPSC), to your "Call for a Swift Abolition of Nuclear Weapons". The PPSC continues to work for the abolition of nuclear, chemical, bacteriological and other weapons of mass destruction (including environmental-modification techniques), and will support all efforts toward general disarmament.

# ◆ People's Task Force For Bases Clean Up-Philippines/ Olola Ann Zamora-Olib, Executive Director & Desiree Guasch, Information and Reseach Officer

People's Task Force For Bases Clean Up-Philippines will endorse the "Call for a Swift Abolition of Nuclear Weapons".

#### India

# ◆Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament and Peace (CNDP)/ Achin Vanaik, National Coordinating Committee (NCC)

This is to formally confirm that the Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament and Peace (CNDP), India unequivocally and fully endorse your appeal and that it is a signatory to it. With fraternal greetings.

# ◆ Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and Peace/ Sukla Sen, National Coordinating Committee member

Thanks for writing and congratualations for launching the campaign. Achin has already written to you that the CNDP is immediately going to take up the issue. In the meanwhile let me put on record my fullest support for the move as an individual activist.

# ◆State Executive Committee of the Jana Vignana Vedika (JVV), Andhra Pradesh/ Channa Basavaiah Madapathi

This is to inform you that the State Executive Committee of the Jana Vignana Vedika (JVV), Andhra Pradesh, India, has unamously endoresed your new proposal on "Call for a Swift Abolition of Nuclear Weapons". Like the earlier campaign on "Abolition Now" we wish to undertake signature campaign in our state/country on behalf of your organisation. So you can list the name of JVV under the category of

endoresed organisations.

#### ♦ Channa Basavaiah Madapathi

#### Anti-Uranium Mining Alliance, India

I individually endorse your new proposal and my group will also endorse it. However, let me officially mail you regarding official endorsement after our executive meeting.

#### **◆ Delhi Science Forum/**

#### Jayaprakash ND, Executive Committee Member

This is to inform you that in principle, I, on behalf of the Delhi Science Forum, would fully endorse your proposal.

#### **New Zealand**

## ◆ Peace Council Aotearoa New Zealand/ Barney Richards, National President

It is with honor that Peace Council Aotearoa New Zealand supports fully the new initiatives by Gensuikyo for the abolishment once and for all of the nuclear threat hanging over every living thing on this planet.

The world has lived with this terror for 60 years and it is time to put an end to it. There is no doubt that the US leads the world in the development of new, more powerful weapons of mass destruction with other countries following suit. The US leads the arms race with Russia not far behind. This new nuclear arms race between Russia and the US, and the great danger this represents, is ignored by the mainstream US media. The American people and the rest of the world are being kept ignorant of the very great danger facing us all. The future of humanity is at stake. The world is being told that the Cold War is over - nothing could be further from the truth. While millions around the world die every year from malnutrition and lack of adequate health care, untold billions are being spent on new research on weapons of mass death, and that includes WMD in outer space. There is no doubt that we face a crisis of major proportions. It is difficult comprehend that the human race extinction. This is the message we must get through to those who don't realize the very real danger facing us all. There has to be an ongoing education programme on the nuclear threat which must be led by Hibakusha, but we must all get involved. It is all very well attending peace conferences around the world, and

there are many peace conferences taking place, but the general public is ignorant of these conferences because the media in our countries don't regard peace issues as news. So it is up to us to take the message to the people, it is you and me who must be on the front line along the Hibakusha. If we don't do it...who will?

### ◆ Peace Council of Aotearoa-New Zealand Inc./ Gerald O'Brien, President of Honour

Thank you for inviting us to participate in this new Signature Campaign. We agree both with the analysis and with the objective and planned action.

I am sure that we can guarantee the adherence of the New Zealand Council of Trade Unions as previously and if you are accepting, as was done for the Hiroshima Nagasaki Appeal, corporate signatures, that will start us with 360,000 from New Zealand.

This is a difficult time of the year for organisisation here with the holiday period approaching in a few days, but I will respond as quickly as we obtain an answer from the CTU.

It is a great pleasure to be once again alongside Gensuikyo in a great initiative for total abolition. Barney has been wrestling with other peace groups here over the Peace City initiative, holding strongly as we do to the "Nuclear Free City" status rather than the generalised "Peace City" concept

We pledge our complete adherence to the aim and purpose and action for this new campaign.

#### Australia

#### **♦** Friends of the Earth Australia, John Hallam

Friends of the Earth Australia is happy to endorse this call.

## Europe

#### **France**

### ◆ French Peace Movement/ Pierre Villard, Co-President

It's OK for us. You can have our support.

◆ Action of Citizens for the total Dismantling of Nukes (ACDN)/ Jean-Marie Matagne, President We endorse.

#### **Germany**

### ◆ Deutscher Friedensrat / German Peace Council Hannelore Tölke

German Peace Council will endorse your initiative "Call for a Swift Abolition of Nuclear Weapons". Regarding the results NPT Review Conference we completely agree with you, more than 60 years after the end of the Second World War our efforts of a peaceful and nuclear weapon free world has to be doubled. So we found it is really a good idea to launch a campaign like yours.

We will circulate the text "Call for the Swift Abolition of Nuclear Weapons" in the next month in the German Peace Movement and especially on events like Peace Marches on Easter (in April), Memorial day of Hiroshima, 6<sup>th</sup> August, Memorial day against war on 1<sup>st</sup> September. For this reason we made a translation meantime. Please keep us informed. Good luck for your press-conference on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

#### **Netherlands**

## ◆ World Information Service on Energy (WISE) Peer de Rijk, Director

#### **Belgium**

# ◆ Mother Earth - Voor Moeder Aarde vzw/ Pol D'Huyvetter, Member of Friends of the Earth International

Please sign us up!

#### Italy

## ◆ International Peace Bureau (IPB) Italia/ Fulgida Barattoni

It is with pleasure that I give promptly reply to your endorsement request. As IPB-Italia we are strongly promoting the nuclear disarmament campaign. - We are circulating the HIROSHIMA'S LONG SUN'S SHADOW - Immages not to forget multimedial photo exibition.

- We are supporting on the italian territory the MfP campaign
- We are helding conferences on the use of radioactive weapons
- We have already a member of our scientific C.tte in the advisory C.tte of the Abolition now campaign
- We can endorse again the Abolition Now campaign and re-launch it inside the Italian Mfp

As IPB-Italia and as your colleague inside the IPB St. C.tte I would like from both of you to have your

approval or your avices on the WP Statement that we are circulating in the short version (see here attached) which is without the scientific sheets of the experts that has offered to IPB their expertises. I would really appreciate to receive from your site also a reply to this request.

#### **♦** Blessed Are the Peacemakers/ Lisa Clark

Beati i costruttori di pace (Blessed Are the Peacemakers) is an Italian association that is a founding member of the Italian Disarmament Network. We fully support your Campaign for the Swift Abolition of Nuclear Weapons. We are pleased to inform you of our latest action: a Lawsuit against the U.S. government for the illegal presence of B61 atom bombs on the territory of Italy, a non-nuclear-weapon State. The Plaintiffs are five residents of the Aviano-Pordenone area, but we aim to establish a wide network of support to back this legal action. You are all encouraged to give your support.

#### U.K.

# **◆** Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament/ Kate Hudson, Chair

Many thanks Taka San. I am delighted to put my name to it.

## ◆ World Disarmament Campaign/ Frank Jackson, Co-Chair

The World Disarmament Campaign UK fully supports the call for the swift abolition of all nuclear weapons, and for negotiations to start as soon as possible towards that end. It is 35 years since the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which commits the nuclear weapon states to such negotiations, and to the elimination of their weapons, came into force. That there are many thousands of nuclear weapons still in existence, with the capacity to destroy the whole of civilisation, if not most life on earth, is a condemnation of every leader who has contributed to this situation, whether by authorising their manufacture or deployment, or simply by not actively pursuing their abolition. The first leader of a major nuclear weapon power who openly recognises and declares that nuclear weapons do not provide security, but on the contrary increase everyone's insecurity, and takes the first steps towards abolition, will go down in history as one of the greatest statesmen or stateswomen of all time. Let us

hope that someone with the courage to be that leader emerges soon. Good luck with the campaign.

# **♦** World Court Project-UK/ George Farebrother, Secretary

I am very happy, on behalf of World Court Project UK to endorse GENSUIKYO's call for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons. I hope to be in Vancouver next summer and may well come into contact with you there.

I also attach information about our Affirmations of Freedom from Nuclear Weapons. There is a Japanese version, an explanation about how an organisation like yours can use it and an explanation of the thinking behind the Affirmations. You can read about World Court Project UK on our website www.gn.apc.org/wcp. I can send you the Japanese attachment in Word Format if you want to alter it for your own purposes. The Affirmations are not an alternative to your Appeal, rather they supplement it as they provide an opportunity for individual citizens to provide evidence of The Public Conscience which will be of legal significance to organisations such as the International Court of Justice.

#### **♦** West Midlands CND/ Jenny Maxwell, Chair

On behalf of West Midlands Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, I wholeheartedly support your call for a Swift Abolition of Nuclear Weapons.

# **♦** Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation Ltd Ken Coates, Chairman

As ever, you are taking exactly the right initiative, and we are delighted to give you all our support.

I am authorized to sign your appeal on behalf of the Russell Foundation as a whole, and you may be sure that we send you every good wish for success in 2006!

# **♦** Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation, Ltd. Tony Simpson, Publishing Manager

We're strongly in favour of the abolition of all nuclear weapons. We wish you good luck in your efforts.

#### Sweden

◆ Tomas Magnusson, Vice-President, International Peace Bureau/ Representative of the Swedish Peace Council

#### **Norway**

#### **♦**No to Nuclear Weapons/

#### Ole Kopreitan, Secretary General

Thank you for sending us the proposal for a new signature campaign which we fully support both the organisation " No to nuclear weapons " and I personally. ...On behalf of No to nuclear weapons I wish you all good luck with the campaign and a peaceful new year.

# ◆ Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) Norway/ Edel Havin Beukes, chair

Could you please note that the Norwegian section of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom would like to endorse the campaign "Call for a Swift Abolition of Nuclear Weapons."

#### **Finland**

### **♦** Mayors for Peace support group, City of Raisio/ Jouni Ylinen

I endorse the campaign on behalf heterogenous not registered group inside of <a href="www.care2.com"www.care2.com"www.care2.com"www.care2.com"www.care2.com"www.care2.com</a> called that has more 800 people from different countries all over the world. We are informing other groups and through groups inside care2 supporting actions for peace, human rights and environmental matters. <a href="www.care2.com">www.care2.com</a> has more than 5 million registered members and some major NGO organisations promote their petitions through care2com.

All the Success, Health and Luck for this Campaign and People who are doing it!

#### Russia

- ◆ Chelyabinsk Region Charity Fund for Helping Nuclear Victims/ Milya Kabirova, Chairperson
- ◆ Chelyabinsk City Ecology-Educational Public Organization "Techa" /Gosman Kabirov, Chairperson

Thank you very much for letter. OF COURSE OUR ORGANIZATIONS WILL participate in action on ABOLISHING the nuclear weapons and you may include us in the list, signed this address. Only we must think in what form we shall be able to help you.

North & South America U.S.A.

# **♦** Noam Chomsky, Professor Emeritus,

#### **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

I am very pleased to learn about your very important initiative and to endorse it.

#### **◆** Daniel Ellsberg

#### Former Military Analyst, Lecturer, Writer

Yes, of course, please add my name as a sponsor of your petition on the abolition of nuclear weapons.

# ◆ Global Resource Action Center for the Environment (GRACE)/ Alice Slater, President

I am pleased to endorse your new campaign on behalf of the Global Resource Action Center for the Environment (GRACE). We can post it on our Abolition 2000 website and circulate it to our network.

### **♦** American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)-New England Region/

#### **Joseph Gerson, Director of Programs**

I am honored by your request to endorse the "Call for a Swift Abolition of Nuclear Weapons", and I am deeply appreciative of your aggressive strategic thinking. Thank you for launching this. Please do include my name on the list of initial endorsers: Dr. Joseph Gerson, Director of Programs, American Friends Service Committee – New England Region

We are excited about working with Gensuikyo in promoting the "Call for a Swift Abolition of Nuclear Weapons", and in organizing platforms for the Global Hibakusha and to defend Article 9 at the Vancouver Peace Forum. The 2006 World Conference and Hiroshima and Nagasaki commemorations across the U.S. will help to build our movements and deepen our collaborations for a nuclear weapons-free world.

# ◆ September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows/ David Potorti, Co-Director

September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows is honored to endorse your Call for a Swift Abolition of Nuclear Weapons. We feel a special bond with the Hibakusha, who have committed their lives to bearing witness to the horrors of nuclear bombs. By promoting dialogues on alternatives to war, all of us at Peaceful Tomorrows hope to see the day when terrorism, violence and war are obsolete, particularly the terrorism of nuclear weapons.

# ◆ September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows/ Colleen Kelly

We have received your request and forwarded it on to the Steering Committee of Peaceful Tomorrows. What an important initiative and enormous undertaking! We will reply promptly. Are there other ways we can help? Have you reached out to UFPJ??

# **♦** September 11th Families for Peaceful

#### Tomorrows/ Rita Lasar

Thanks for your eloquent words David.

### ♦ 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East/ Dennis Rivera, President

We are honored and proud to add our name and our commitment to the abolishment of nuclear weapons. Please add our Union's name and our President to the Petition, on behalf of our 265,000 members

# **♦** US Peace Council/ Al Marder, President & Vice-President, International Association of Peace Messenger Cities

The US Peace Council endorses your anti-nuclear weapons petition and will plan to circulate it, as well as bring it to the attention of other organizations and networks. AS soon as you have a template please forward it. I am organizing a seminar at the World Social Forum in Caracas, Venezuela on nuclear weapons. We will bring it up there. If there will be printed copies, it would be worthwhile to forward some to me. ....

The height of the anti-nuclear weapons movement was in the 80s. There was widespread global outrage by ordinary citizens at the threat by Reagan to use nuclear weapons. This outrage drove the movement. This outrage, not negotiations on the top level, brought people into the streets. This is our task today, creating a tsunami of public opinion, a public opinion fueled by the danger of proliferation and madness of the present US administration.

Your petition/statement is one important measure, forcing us to go out and talk to our neighbors. Every organization/country should be involved in this. How to get millions of signatures must be on the agenda of the Assembly of Abolition 2000 at Vancouver as well as in the many workshops taking place there.

Likewise at the World Social Forum meetings. Just as the opposition to the Iraq war by the people is finally forcing a debate here, we must force a global debate on abolition, providing support for those governments ready to push forward on the issue.

# **♦** Los Alamos Study Group/

# Greg Mello, Executive Director

Please add our enthusiastic endorsement to your excellent call.

#### **◆Pax Christi USA/**

**Dave Robinson, Executive Director** 

#### **♦** Denise Lytle

I support the abolition of nuclear weapons

#### Canada

# ◆ Science for Peace/ Phyllis Creighton, Vicepresident

The executive of Science for Peace agreed yesterday to have our organization endorse your new petition drive. And send you all good wishes for the success of your press conference on the 22nd. I hope other member groups of the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons will join us before the deadline, December 21!

# ◆ John Price, University of Victoria, Associate Professor/ Vancouver City Peace and Justice Committee

I endorse and sign on to your campaign.

# ◆ Patricia Willis, Pacific Campaign for Disarmament & Security (PCDS) Canada

You can add my name as an endorser - but my affiliation is for purposes of identification only. This is an endorsement in my personal capacity.

#### Mexico

# ◆Latin American Circle for International Studies (LACIS) – Affiliate of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation (NAPF)/

#### Luis Gutiérrez Esparza, President

We gladly endorse your "Call for the Swift Abolition of Nuclear Weapons"! Please, tell us what else can we do, to help your organization in this campaign. In peace and with our best wishes for year 2006,

# National Governments & Inter-Governmental Organizations

#### Malaysia

### ◆Dr. Rajmah Hussain, Ambassador of Malaysia to Austria & Permanent Representative to the UN in Vienna

With reference to your e-mail dated 16 December 2005 on the above campaign, I am pleased to assure you of my support for your initiative.

This is in line with Malaysia's and NAM's policy and commitment to nuclear disarmament and the abolition of nuclear weapons. Thank you.

# ♦ Mohamed Ezzeldine Abdel-Moneim, Special Advisor, the League of Arab States

When in Nagasaki, I declared that I am a peace militant and not only a peace activist. Therefore, I should be considered a signatory to the document which I certainly endorse. There is no time for inaction and, as you rightly pointed out, we should not be discouraged by the meagre outcome in relevant international forums.

This will be a crucial year and, as long as we work hard, a turning point shall be achieved and we shall be closer to the ultimate goal of peace, prosperity and justice.