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International Declaration Affirming the Links between Nuclear Weapons and Nuclear Power adopted by the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War

Ottawa, Ontario - June 2, 2023 - International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War Canada (IPPNWC) announces the adoption of a global resolution that affirms the links between nuclear weapons and nuclear power. With this resolution, <https://bit.ly/nuclear-resolution>, the International Council of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War recognises that the links between nuclear power and nuclear weapons are such that in order to fully abolish nuclear weapons, we must stop the parallel process of nuclear power. Nuclear weapons pose an imminent existential threat to human health that is made possible by the continued use of nuclear power.

This resolution arrives as the Director General of the international Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Rafael Grossi announces an alarm about the evacuation of the town where most of the workers at Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant reside. Grossi states: "If we have a nuclear accident there, it will not recognize uniforms or flags". In addition to "enormous suffering and misery of the people there, this added element is going to have ripples and reverberations all over the world."

The resolution recognizes the linkage between nuclear weapons and nuclear power. It urges.

1. No more uranium mining.
2. No more plutonium extraction from existing nuclear materials.
3. No new nuclear power plants.
4. An expeditious transition from nuclear power to renewable energy sources.
5. A blending down of existing stores of highly enriched uranium thus rendering these stores less likely to be diverted for nuclear weapons proliferation.



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This resolution was passed at the 23rd World Congress of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War held at Mombasa, Kenya April 27-29, 2023. IPPNWCanada developed and proposed the resolution. This mile-stone event was the first IPPNW world congress to be held on the African continent. Its theme, Disarmament, Climate Crisis and Health explored the links and interplay between these issues. This resolution highlights the increasing recognition and importance of recognising the importance of putting health foremost as we consider the challenges humanity faces.

From June 25 to June 30th, 2023, IPPNW Canada will be traveling to Ottawa, Ontario to engage in meaningful consultations with Global Affairs Canada. This visit presents an important stepping stone for IPPNW Canada to propel the impacts of this resolution further.

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About IPPNW Canada:

[IPPNWC is the Canadian affiliate of IPPNW \(Nobel prize 1985\)](#), established in 1980 through a dialogue between Soviet and US physicians. As there is no meaningful medical response to the trauma involved in a nuclear weapons catastrophe, our aim is to prevent such an ultimate public disaster.

Find more information on our website <https://www.ippnwcanada.ca> and read the full resolution at: <https://bit.ly/nuclear-resolution>.