

To The Committee Secretariat  
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties,

Australia must advocate for commencement of negotiations towards a Nuclear Weapons Convention as this is a vital step towards disarmament. The International Commission on Non-Proliferation and Disarmament provides a key opportunity to promote a Nuclear Weapons Convention.

Australia must encourage the ratification of key treaties. The most essential is gaining the outstanding signatures needed to bring the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty into force. Support of Nuclear Weapon Free Zone treaties by Nuclear Weapon States is also vital.

It is timely that Australia review its uranium export agreements in light of nuclear weapons proliferation risks and act responsibly to reduce these risks. Australian treaties should not allow use of Australian facilities in the US Missile Defence program.

As per the recommendations of the UN Expert Group on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education the Government must actively support peace and disarmament education for the sake of our childrens' future.

Please help promote disarmament.

Yours Sincerely,

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