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## **Resolution**

### **1. Treaty banning nuclear weapons**

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2017 The Nobel peace prize committee awarded the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) with the following motivation: "for its work to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons and for its ground-breaking efforts to achieve a treaty-based prohibition of such weapons".

Nuclear weapons are the single biggest threat to humanity and the continued existence must be seen as an international failure. Today's weapons have more than doubled explosive forces than those bombed 72 years ago over Hiroshima and Nagasaki and could destroy cities with millions of inhabitants. Such an attack could also trigger a chain reaction that results in a nuclear war with unpredictable humanitarian consequences.

Ever since the destruction of nuclear weapon became known, a great deal of diplomatic work has been done on its abolition and disarmament. Thanks to great efforts, the Cold War's extensive nuclear weapons arena has been reduced from record levels of up to 70,000 nuclear weapons to today's approximately 15,000. During that period, South Africa, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Belarus have completely abolished their nuclear arsenals. This is a great success and shows that disarmament is possible. The non-proliferation treaty, the so-called NPT agreement, often referred to as the cornerstone of the world's disarmament and non-proliferation work, has been of fundamental importance here. Two key elements of the agreement are, on one hand, to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons to more states than the five that have already acquired nuclear weapons when the agreement entered into force; USA, Russia, Great Britain, China and France, and partly that these states disarm their arsenals.

At the same time, in a historical financial statement of the NPT, the failures should be noted that additional nuclear weapons states like India, Pakistan and North Korea have been added. Unfortunately, we see how many of the original nuclear weapons states are now modernizing their arsenals in a way that is in violation of the NPT Agreement's basic purpose of long-term disarmament.

Recent nuclear weapons threats from North Korea and USA show that not only the use of nuclear weapons must be banned but also manufacturing, storage and deployment. No country should be allowed to help another state to build a nuclear weapons arena. No companies or pension funds should invest in mass destruction. Of course, the convention meets resistance. The United States and other nuclear forces are pushing for other states not to ratify.

#### **Therefore YES demands:**

- That the EU-member states ratify the treaty banning nuclear weapons