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RESOLUTION ON THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE UN-TREATY TO OUTLAW NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Submitted by JS Belgium

On October 27, the UN General Assembly took a vote to adopt a landmark resolution to launch the negotiations for a treaty to outlaw nuclear weapons in 2017.

Although the resolution was passed with an overwhelming majority of 123 nations in favour, there were still 38 countries opposed (such as Belgium) while 16 abstained. This resolution is now sent to a full general assembly meeting in December 2016. In the meanwhile, we see an ongoing progress in the modernisation and even increasing capacity of these nuclear arsenals.

Just as the “International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons” has stated very clearly; thanks to the adoption of the treaty we will fill the legal gap by which the most destructive of all weapons, are the only weapon of mass destruction to not yet to be outlawed by international agreement.

Just like we found support for the creation of cluster and mine conventions we should also take this important step towards a more secure and stable world. One without the most destructive and indiscriminate weapons ever created.

Therefore;

- YES supports the UN resolution to hold a conference in March 2017 to negotiate a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons with a total elimination as its goal in the long run.
- We desire a world free of nuclear weapons and welcome this initiative to start the negotiations towards this important challenge.
- We are asking our national governments to pursue this goal of nuclear disarmament as an indispensable condition for stability and peace in the world and we call upon all nations who currently oppose these steps towards a nuclear weapon free world to give up their disapproval to start the beginning of these important first steps to nuclear disarmament.