

**Civil Society Forum for Nuclear Weapon Free Zones
United Nations, 29 April 2010**

**Declaration and Recommendations for the
2nd Conference of States Parties and Signatories to the Treaties that establish
Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones (30 April 2010), and the
2010 Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-proliferation
of Nuclear Weapons.**

*The citizens listed below, participants of the Civil Society Forum for Nuclear Weapon Free Zones
held on 29 April 2010 at the United Nations in New York;*

1. Affirm the role that local, national and regional Nuclear Weapon Free Zones (NWFZs) play in delegitimizing nuclear weapons, constraining nuclear proliferation, building cooperative security and paving the way for a nuclear-weapons-free world;
2. Express their continued support for NWFZs established in Antarctica, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Seabed, Outer Space, the South Pacific, Africa, South-East Asia, Mongolia and Central Asia;
3. Call on all States, in particular the nuclear-weapon States, to fully respect existing NWFZs, including to ratify the respective protocols and remove reservations to current ratifications, in order to guarantee the zones remain free of nuclear weapons and the threat of their use;
4. Support the exploration of possibilities for establishing NWFZs in the Middle East, North-East Asia, the Arctic and Central Europe, and call on governments in these regions to undertake multilateral dialogue, deliberations and negotiations to establish such NWFZs;
5. Commend States – including Austria, Mongolia and New Zealand - which have taken national legislative measures to prohibit nuclear weapons, and encourage other national legislatures to adopt similar measures;
6. Believe that technical and financial resources dedicated to producing and deploying nuclear weapons – including most of the \$100 billion global nuclear weapons

budget – should be converted for civilian purposes including meeting UN Millennium Development Goals and combating Climate Change;

7. Support actions, whether by governments or private investors, to divest from corporations involved in the manufacture and deployment of nuclear weapons and their delivery systems, and commend the governments of New Zealand and Norway and cities that have undertaken such divestment actions;

8. Commend the regional NWFZ governments for joining together in the Inaugural Conference of States Parties to NWFZs in Mexico in 2005 and again at the United Nations in 2010, and encourage the States Parties to NWFZs to enhance their communication and collaboration and to establish institutional arrangements to facilitate this;

9. Encourage States Parties of NWFZs to expand their collaboration in strengthening existing NWFZs, supporting the establishment of additional NWFZs including single-state NWFZs, and advancing the achievement of a nuclear-weapons-free world, and commend the Organisation for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) for their leadership in this area;

10. Encourage States which host foreign nuclear weapons to exercise their sovereign right to have such weapons withdrawn, enabling them to establish or join NWFZs;

11. Commend UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon for his five-point plan for nuclear disarmament which supports NWFZs and proposes a number of other measures including a call on States Parties to the NPT to undertake negotiations on a Nuclear Weapons Convention or a package of agreements;

12. Call on the 2010 NPT Review Conference to agree to a Preparatory Process for a Nuclear Weapons Convention which would pave the way for negotiations while simultaneously advancing technical, political and legal aspects such as verification, confidence-building and diminishing the role of nuclear weapons;

13. Note that, as work proceeds to negotiate new measures leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects, it is vital that already- agreed measures be brought into force and implemented. Thus, commend the NWFZs states on their leadership promoting entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and developing its global verification system;

14. Affirm the role of civil society in the establishment of local, national and regional NWFZs, and in collaborating with governments for the achievement of a nuclear-weapons-free world.

**List of participants of the Civil Society Forum for Nuclear Weapon Free Zones
endorsing the declaration and recommendations**

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