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# ICAN CITIES APPEAL

## A global call from cities and towns in support of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

### About the Appeal

Nuclear weapons pose an unacceptable threat to people everywhere. This is why, on 7 July 2017, 122 nations voted to adopt the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. All national governments are now invited to sign and ratify this crucial global agreement, which prohibits the use, production and stockpiling of nuclear weapons and lays the foundations for their total elimination. Cities and towns can help build support for the treaty by endorsing the ICAN Cities Appeal.

### Text of the Appeal

*“Our city/town is deeply concerned about the grave threat that nuclear weapons pose to communities throughout the world. We firmly believe that our residents have the right to live in a world free from this threat. Any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental, would have catastrophic, far-reaching and long-lasting consequences for people and the environment. Therefore, we support the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and call on our governments to sign and ratify it.”*

### How to endorse the Appeal

The mayor or administrator of the local government should send an email to [info@icanw.org](mailto:info@icanw.org) indicating that the city/town has agreed to endorse the ICAN Cities Appeal. This appeal is for local governments of cities/towns in nations that have not yet ratified the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

### Suggestions for further action

- 1. Write to the national government:** Inform the foreign minister or other relevant official that your city/town has endorsed the ICAN Cities Appeal.
- 2. Inform the media:** Issue a press release announcing that your city/town has joined the call for the national government to sign and ratify the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.
- 3. Inform your residents:** Distribute information or hold a public exhibition about the threat of nuclear weapons and global efforts to eliminate this threat.
- 4. Divest public funds:** Take steps to ensure that funds administered by your city/town are not invested in companies that produce nuclear weapons. See [www.dontbankonthebomb.com](http://www.dontbankonthebomb.com).