

Building peace within cities and across the world

Motion on nuclear weapons and support for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

Nuclear weapons are a real danger to the security of people and cities. Without any doubt, they are the most destructive, inhumane and indiscriminate weapons.

We still remember the launching of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki now 75 years ago. Bombs that caused the death of over 240,000 people, numerous wounded, and the destruction of the two cities.

Despite the end of the Cold War and the nuclear disarmament agreements achieved, today, the world continues to have 13,865 nuclear weapons, most of them with a destructive capability far beyond that of the bombs dropped in 1945.

As the world has moved towards the effective prohibition of other weapons of mass destruction (such as biological or chemical weapons), in the name of responsibility and safety, it is necessary to move towards the prohibition of nuclear weapons.

After many years of demands from civil society, different NGOs and campaigns, the network of Mayors for Peace, the survivors of atomic bombs, etc., an essential first step has been achieved: the adoption of the **Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**, on July 7, 2017, at the United Nations.

For this Treaty to achieve its goal, it is necessary for the States of the world to actively join.

And cities have an important role in demanding a world that is fair, peaceful and devoid of nuclear weapons.

For all that, the City Council of ...

1. expresses its solidarity with all the people and communities affected by the impact of atomic bombs and nuclear weapons tests.
2. calls on the states of the world to commit, in a clear and precise way, to nuclear disarmament and to take specific measures to achieve it.
3. endorses the ICAN Cities Appeal (promoted by the ICAN Campaign, awarded with the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize) that different cities of the world are signing: "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 join it."
4. urges the Government of State of Spain to sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons approved by the United Nations.
5. transfer of this declaration to the Government of the Spanish State, to the secretariat of Mayors for Peace, to the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces and to Fundipau (Fundació per la Pau) members of the ICAN campaign.

