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Securing Our Survival

It is fitting and hopeful that, as we here in Hiroshima commemorate the first ever use of a nuclear weapon, we will also be celebrating the launch of *Securing Our Survival: The Case for Nuclear Weapons Convention*. Such a convention is supported by the vast majority of nations and people on Earth, and I am grateful to the Parliamentary Network for Nuclear Disarmament for bringing it to our attention. The time has come. As a species, we are making a fateful decision. Will we eliminate nuclear weapons or let them spread uncontrolled? Anyone who respects democracy, values civilization or wishes to secure our collective survival should be aware of this document and do everything in their power to bring it into force as the law of the planet.

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