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To: Hon Nick Smith
Sir Paul Reeves
Hon Marian Hobbs
Dr George Salmond
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Re: Launch of *Securing our Survival*, NZ Parliament, August 14

Dear Friends,

In November 2006 I and sixteen other Nobel Peace Laureates, meeting in Rome, released a declaration expressing deep concern about the lack of public attention and political will at the highest levels on the need to eliminate nuclear weapons. We concluded that nuclear weapons are more of a problem themselves than any problem they seek to solve, and we called on all nations to immediately commence negotiations to obtain the universal, legally verifiable elimination of nuclear weapons.

I thus welcome the launch of *Securing our Survival: The Case for a Nuclear Weapons Convention* today in the New Zealand parliament. I hope that this book, and the Model Nuclear Weapons Convention it contains, will bolster the efforts of your country, and other countries, to commence nuclear abolition negotiations and achieve a nuclear weapons convention.

Together we can make a safe and secure world for future generations.

Yours truly,

Mairead Corrigan Maguire
1976 Nobel Peace Laureate