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## Nuclear Weapons Convention

I appreciate the proposal for a Nuclear Weapons Convention. The work of the activists is most helpful in raising consciousness for the dramatic development in nuclear proliferation developments.

Today the nuclear non-proliferation regime is under serious stress. The definition of the 13 steps in 2000, the progress in the negotiations of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) and the discussion about the Fissile Material Cut-Off Treaty (FMCT) seemed to be rather positive steps in the right direction. But after 2000 the situation worsened dramatically: There has been no success in ratifying the CTBT and the work on the FMCT in Geneva is completely stuck. The nuclear powers did not take first steps to fulfil their obligations of Article VI. Since the failure of the NPT review conference 2005, since the nuclear deal between India and the US, since the discussion about the Iranian and the North Korean nuclear programs the disarmament process seems locked in a stalemate and the NPT-regime is in real danger.

Under these circumstances, the work for a Nuclear Weapons Convention could strengthen public pressure for nuclear arms control and disarmament and help put the issue again in the focus of the political debate.

Yours truly,

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