



28 July 2010

Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General
The United Nations
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New York, N.Y. 10017-3515
United States of America

Dear Secretary-General

I have just received a copy of the letter dated 24 February 2010, which you sent to all Speakers of Parliament. I am sorry that the letter did not reach my office at the time.

Parliamentarians and parliaments do play a key role, and must continue to do so, if our world is to become a better place for our children and their children. For this reason, we must continue to support all disarmament and non-proliferation efforts.

I am pleased to inform you, that on 5 May 2010 a motion was agreed to by the New Zealand House of Representatives as follows:

"That this House recognise the historic opportunity to advance the cause of nuclear disarmament at the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) Review Conference May 3-28; acknowledge the leadership on this issue by United States President Barack Obama; and call on the New Zealand Government to take an active role in this issue, drawing on our country's proud nuclear-free stance, working together with other like-minded nations to support the United Nations Secretary-General's Five Point Plan for Nuclear Disarmament including preparations for the development of a Nuclear Weapons Convention"

We as New Zealanders are indeed proud of our nuclear-free stance and support your call on other legislators around the world to achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world. I commend you for your efforts.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Smith', written over a horizontal line.

Hon Dr Lockwood Smith
SPEAKER