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STOP THE UNDERMINING OF THE NPT

Ever since the dropping of the first nuclear bomb mankind is living with the constant threat of self destruction. In 1968 the existing nuclear powers therefore signed the Non Proliferation Treaty (NPT). Its purpose was on the one hand to impede the development and construction of nuclear weapons outside China, France, Great Britain, the Soviet Union (Russia) and the USA, and on the other hand the restriction of their own nuclear weapons production. In addition to the NPT the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) was signed in order to further alleviate the nuclear threat.

India has neither signed the NPT nor the CTBT. Until today, these two treaties have been the basis for ample security.

Now your country has the intention to conclude a treaty with India which opens the doors to the complete undermining of the NPT. The possible consequences and threats such a treaty might cause are unpredictable so far. The undermining of the NPT, which has already declined in strength due to noncompliance with agreed disarmament steps, opens possibilities for Iran, North Korea and others to develop nuclear weapons on the same legal basis. The NPT would then practically be void.

Only you are in a position to guarantee the survival of the NPT and therefore to eliminate a global threat. You are politically and legally in a position to keep your government from letting the treaty with India come into force.

Therefore we are asking you to do anything in your power to impede the undermining of the momentous NPT agreement by voting against the US-India Nuclear Proliferation Deal.

We are turning to you counting on your political and moral responsibility not only towards your own country but towards the entire world. We do this knowing that we are in line with many governments, NGOs and, most importantly, the people who are aware of the nuclear threat we are facing like Henry Kissinger, Sam Nunn, William Perry, George Shultz and many more.