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The Right Honourable Paul Martin
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6

Dear Sir:

RE: The Hiroshima Declaration of the Pugwash Council, 55th Pugwash Conference on Science and World Affairs, Hiroshima, July 23- 27, 2005

The Hiroshima Declaration is of utmost importance to Canada and the world because it draws attention to the current dangerous complacency about the threat of nuclear weapons. The declaration says, in part, - *“We call upon all states to respect their commitments to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, to ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, and to conclude a Fissile Material Cut-Off Treaty, as important near-term steps to reduce the nuclear threat. Beyond that, we urge the nuclear weapons states to recognize that the security of each is best served by concluding a Nuclear Weapons Convention prohibiting such weapons.”*

The Canadian Pugwash Group calls on the Government of Canada to use all means, expeditiously, to achieve these important near-term steps. Further, we see no reasonable dispute to the statement that *“...as long as nuclear weapons exist, they will one day be used...”*

Sincerely

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