



**Canadians for a
Nuclear Weapons
Convention**

**Rassemblement canadien
pour une convention
sur les armes nucléaire**

376 Recipients of the Order of Canada Call for a Nuclear Weapons Convention

Three hundred and seventy-six recipients of the Order of Canada have joined an initiative led by John Polanyi, C.C., Douglas Roche, O.C., and Murray Thomson, O.C., calling for international negotiations to achieve a Nuclear Weapons Convention – a verifiable treaty on the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons.

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The initiative notes that

There is a growing consensus expressed by world leaders on the urgent need for ridding the world of nuclear weapons, well expressed by the [Global Zero movement](#). A Nuclear Weapons Convention is widely recognized as the best negotiating process yet devised to bring about nuclear disarmament. In [a recent speech to the UN General Assembly](#), Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon stated that “All parties to the Non Proliferation Treaty could consider negotiating a nuclear weapons convention, backed by a strong verification system, as has long been proposed at the United Nations.” However, the vision of the elimination of all nuclear weapons, put forward by President Obama and many others today, requires the political will of governments for it to be achieved.

Accordingly, we call on all member States of the United Nations – including Canada – to endorse, and begin negotiations for, a Nuclear Weapons Convention as proposed by the UN Secretary-General in his five-point plan for nuclear disarmament.

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