

FOR PEACE AGAINST NUCLEAR WEAPONS



*Atomic bombing
of Hiroshima*

FOR PEACE, AGAINST NUCLEAR AND OTHER MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS



The threat of nuclear weapons being used is one of the great concerns of the Peace activists, that don't forget the horror of the mass murder of the population victim of the nuclear weapons dropped by the United States on August 6 and 9, 1945.

Faced with Hiroshima and Nagasaki's nuclear holocaust and the danger of it happening again the World Peace Council (WPC) launched the Stockholm Appeal in 1950 that was signed by hundreds of millions of people, demanding the outlawing of atomic weapons and denouncing them as instruments of intimidation and mass murder.

Present day reality shows us that this danger is not set aside, given the recurring arms race, including the modernization of nuclear weapons promoted namely by the United States – the only country to have used nuclear weapons and that admits it could use nuclear weapons in a first strike. The so called nuclear revitalization program in progress in the U.S. has an estimated budget of 1 trillion dollars for the next 3 decades. This must be considered a flagrant infringement of the obligation stipulated on article VI of the Non Proliferation Treaty (NPT) that was signed and ratified by the U.S.. The NPT states that each of the signing parties “undertakes to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament, and on a treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control”.

Since the end of World War II, and following the establishment of NATO facts show that the U.S. search to constrain the rise of any country that pursues an independent foreign policy, as are the cases of Popular Republic of China and of the Russian Federation. The U.S.' hostility towards these countries increases the risk of a nuclear incident happening, be it deliberate or accidental, that could cause the extinction of human life.

Recent developments on the world stage are not diminishing the alarm of all who love Peace, quite on the contrary. In the last decades, the number of wars has risen – Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Ukraine, etc. - having in all of them the assertion of the military power of the U.S., of NATO and of the E.U..

These and not others are the ones responsible for the dangerous situation we live in, with destroyed States, millions of victims of war, including the dramatic situation of refugees.

Another motive for concern is the installation of the U.S.' and NATO's anti missile system in European countries (Spain, Baltic States, Romania, Poland, Turkey, Holland, Germany and Belgium), in a clear threat to the Russian Federation and to Peace and security in Europe and in the World.

In this atmosphere of tension and warmongering, of wars of aggression against sovereign states a generalized conflict of unforeseeable consequences can occur. A war that would annihilate all the planet's population. The risk of a nuclear winter is real considering present day nuclear arsenal: There are almost 15 000 nuclear warheads in military installations, most of which most of them ready to be deployed, only 1% of them would be enough to release the equivalent of 4 000 Hiroshima bombs and destroy civilization.

The 250 000 civilians killed in Hiroshima and Nagasaki cannot be forgotten. Having known the atrocity of nuclear weapons We say “Never again!”. Scientific discoveries must be placed in service of the well being of the people. We must demand the abiding by the principles of the United Nations Charter and strive for a World without nuclear and other mass destruction weapons.

If during the so called “cold war” it was possible to prevent the conflagration of a nuclear war, through the equilibrium of forces that existed between the United States and the Soviet Union and the determined actions of the Peace forces, today it is also imperative to restate the demand for abolishing nuclear and other mass destruction weapons, recalling the Stockholm Appeal. The future of the peoples, the safeguarding of Peace and the opposing of a new World War in which nuclear weapons could be used, even due to a simple error or false manoeuvrer, call on all men and women in all the World to mobilize to in a struggle for Peace, a necessary and indispensable struggle that will be decisive for our common future.

For Peace, all of us are not too many!