

No to Nuclear Weapons!

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Did you know that eight countries have a total of almost 24,000 nuclear weapons?



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I had no idea!

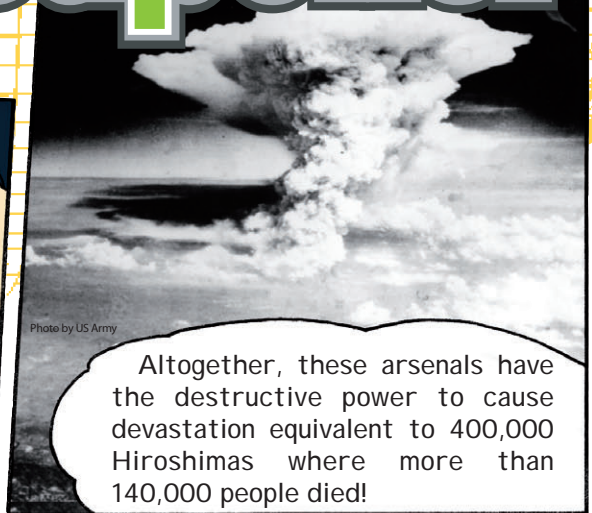


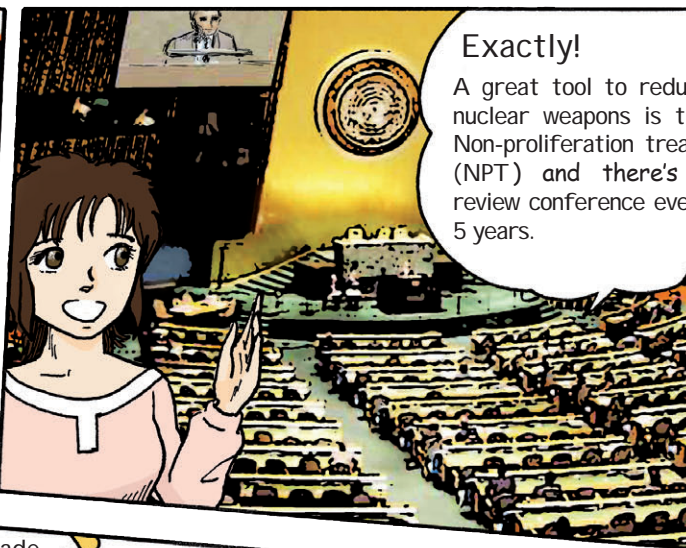
Photo by US Army

Altogether, these arsenals have the destructive power to cause devastation equivalent to 400,000 Hiroshimas where more than 140,000 people died!



No way!

But that's a huge threat to all of us! We need to get rid of them!



Exactly!

A great tool to reduce nuclear weapons is the Non-proliferation treaty (NPT) and there's a review conference every 5 years.

The 2010 NPT conference at the United Nations has to reach an agreement on a clear path towards abolition of nuclear weapons. And by 2020 we must realize the total abolition.



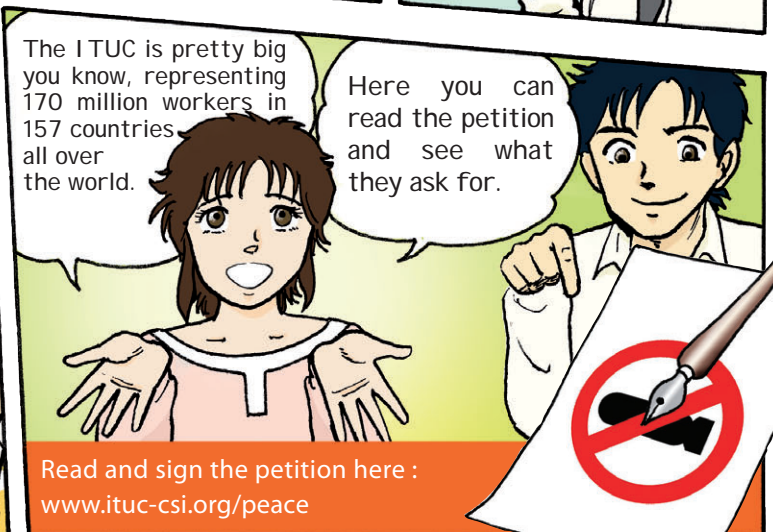
I see...
But - what can I do?



The International Trade Union Confederation is now making a big campaign on this including a petition.

Cool!
Let's join.

Let's sign!



The ITUC is pretty big you know, representing 170 million workers in 157 countries all over the world.

Here you can read the petition and see what they ask for.

Read and sign the petition here :
www.ituc-csi.org/peace

TO: Mr Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General, United Nations

We wish to add our voices to the global campaign for an end to nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction. We believe that the world needs to take urgent action to stop the spread of nuclear weapons, and to make the world free of nuclear weapons, as part of an overall drive for worldwide peace and the transfer of military spending to socially-useful ends. The international treaties concerning nuclear non-proliferation, nuclear weapons test-ban and fissile material cut-off are essential to achieving this goal.

In May 2010 the United Nations will meet to review the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear weapons (NPT). Trade unionists from around the world are urging that meeting to establish a clear path to abolition of nuclear weapons in the shortest possible time. We ask that:

- Those countries which have not joined the NPT to do so, and for all countries to comply with it in full;
- The Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty enter into force as soon as possible;
- There be rapid conclusion of agreement on the Fissile Material Cut-Off Treaty; and
- International agreements to support nuclear-weapon-free zones be established.

We support the campaign of the “Mayors for Peace”, headed by the mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, in calling for abolition of all nuclear weapons by 2020.

Production and maintenance of nuclear weapons, and military expenditure overall, cost more than one trillion dollars each year. We call for major reductions in military expenditure, to free this money to be spent on social and economic development and fighting poverty. We further ask that this transformation from military to peaceful expenditure be done in a way which protects the livelihoods of those who would be affected by it.



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Please Sign!

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