



World Court Project UK

The Public Conscience in Action

The World Court
Project is an
international
citizens' network
which is working to
publicise and have
implemented the
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Advisory Opinion
of the International Court of
Justice on the legal
status of the threat
or use of nuclear
weapons

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Your Affirmation of Freedom from Nuclear Weapons

Nuclear weapons do not make us secure. They are about insecurity, doubt and fear.

Most people want to live in a world free from the nuclear threat and many believe that any country which could even think of using them corrupts its own values. This hope has the backing of law:

- ★ in 1968 the world's governments signed a treaty which promised to abolish these weapons,
- **★** in 1996 the World Court confirmed that this was a legal obligation, to be pursued in good faith.
- * in 2000 the US, Russia, France, China, and the UK made an "unequivocal commitment to accomplish the total elimination of nuclear weapons."

These solemn pledges are not being kept.

Thousands of nuclear weapons are still ready to be used at a moment's notice but too many diplomats and politicians are not listening to us, the people of the world. Negotiations haven't even started.

World Court Project UK is working with international citizens' groups, including scientists, engineers, lawyers and physicians. We are preparing a resolution for the United Nations General Assembly. This will ask the World Court whether the nuclear states are complying with their Good Faith obligations. This will bring legal pressure on the minority of nuclear-armed states to do as they have promised - work towards a world free from the menace of nuclear weapons.

Your Affirmation of Freedom from Nuclear Weapons can help the law prevail and make the world safer. It will be presented to the World Court, along with all the others which have been signed by citizens. It will provide the judges with evidence that nuclear weapons violate the values you stand for.