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Honourable Stephen Harper  
Prime Minister  
Government of Canada  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON

Dear Mr. Harper,

Following the unprecedented agreement between the House of Parliament and the Senate as witnessed on December 7<sup>th</sup> when the House unanimously passed the same motion previously passed by the Senate on June 2, 2011, Physicians for Global Survival wishes to know what steps Canada will be taking to bring about nuclear disarmament.

As members of the Canadian Network to Abolish of Nuclear Weapons, we participated in an expert seminar on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011. We wish to draw your attention to two recommended actions arising from that workshop:

1. That Canada should offer to host in 2012 a preparatory committee meeting of states and civil society representatives to begin planning for the negotiation process that leads up to the Pre-Con in 2014 and the next Non-Proliferation Treaty Talks in 2015.
2. The Minister of Foreign Affairs should request that a special joint committee of the Senate and House of Commons hold hearings and prepare a report on how best to implement those unanimous motions.

Please let us know what you will be doing to promote the abolition of nuclear weapons.

For your convenience, I am including the motion:

The motion states:



*That the House of Commons:*

*(a) recognize the danger posed by the proliferation of nuclear materials and technology to peace and security;*

*(b) endorse the statement, signed by 500 members, officers and companions of the Order of Canada, underlining the importance of addressing the challenge of more intense nuclear proliferation and the progress of and opportunity for nuclear disarmament;*

*(c) endorse the 2008 five point plan for nuclear disarmament of Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations and encourage the Government of Canada to engage in negotiations for a nuclear weapons convention as proposed by the United Nations Secretary-General;*

*(d) support the initiatives for nuclear disarmament of President Obama of the United States of America;*

*(e) commend the decision of the Government of Canada to participate in the landmark Nuclear Security Summit and encourage the Government of Canada to deploy a major world-wide Canadian diplomatic initiative in support of preventing nuclear proliferation and increasing the rate of nuclear disarmament;*

We cannot emphasize enough the importance of moving forward on this issue for the health and welfare of ourselves and future generations.

Sincerely yours,

Dale Dewar,  
Executive Director,  
Physicians for Global Survival.

Cc: Jack Layton, Leader NDP Party

Cc: Bob Rae, Interim Leader, Liberal Party of Canada

