

Sample letter to world leaders for nuclear abolition day – Sep 26, 2017

Dear

The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists earlier this year moved the hands of the 'Doomsday Clock' to 2½ minutes to midnight – indicating how close humanity is to a nuclear catastrophe.

On September 20, as the 2017 session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) commenced in New York, the [Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons](#) was opened for signature.

From October 2 – November 2, the UNGA will consider and act on disarmament resolutions, including one to set the dates, locations and mandate of the [2018 UN High Level Conference on Nuclear Disarmament](#).

I/we urge you to use this occasion to support nuclear risk-reduction and disarmament measures. In particular, I/we call on you to:

1. Sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, if you have not already done so; *and/or*:
2. Announce that you will support the UN resolution on the [2018 UN High Level Conference on Nuclear Disarmament](#), and that you will personally participate in the High-Level Conference, and do what-ever is in your power at the Conference to prevent nuclear weapons being used, and to achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world.

I/we also call on you to highlight the [International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons](#) which occurs on September 26, the anniversary of an event three decades ago when the world as we know it nearly ended due to computer error.

September 26 reminds us that nuclear weapons can annihilate cities in seconds and destroy the life-sustaining environment for generations.

September 26 reminds us of the risks of nuclear weapons. The dangerous nuclear policies that brought us to the brink of annihilation then, still prevail today.

Nuclear weapons will not solve our conflicts. They will not foster confidence between nations. They will not prevent climate change. They will not feed and educate the world's children.

At the United Nations this year, please support the 2018 UN High Level Conference on Nuclear Disarmament, and other actions to prohibit and eliminate nuclear weapons.

Thank you
[your name]