

## Sample letter to world leaders for nuclear abolition days

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.

In September, I/we expect that are you will join other world leaders in New York for the opening session of the United Nations General Assembly.

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](#), which will be opened for signature on September 20;
2. Announce that you will personally participate in the [2018 UN High Level Conference on Nuclear Disarmament](#), 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.

In your speech to the United Nations, you might also wish 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.

**When you attend 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]