

Sample letter to your government urging them to support the UN High-Level Conference on Nuclear Disarmament

Dear

On January 25, 2018, the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists yesterday moved the hands of the Doomsday Clock to [2 minutes to Midnight](#), indicating the frighteningly high risk of nuclear weapons conflicts.

Any use of nuclear weapons would have catastrophic human, economic and environmental consequences. The use of just a small fraction of the 14,000 nuclear weapons in the world's stockpiles could end civilization as we know it.

This is why the United Nations General Assembly in 2017 decided to hold a *High-Level Conference on Nuclear Disarmament*, which was supposed to take place at the UN from May 14-16, 2018.

In March 2018, the UN decided to postpone the High-Level Conference. Now, pro-nuclear forces are trying to scuttle it completely. A decision on its future will be made at the UN General Assembly this October.

I (we) call on the government to support the UN High Level Conference being held in 2019, and to ensure that the agenda of the High Level Conference includes concrete initiatives to reduce the risks of nuclear weapons ever being used again, and to achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world.

This could include increasing the signatures to the *Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons*, which was adopted at the United Nations on July 7, 2017.

And it could include the adoption of policies, statements or agreements to reduce numbers of nuclear weapons, to never initiate a nuclear war (no-first-use pledge) and to replace nuclear deterrence with safer and more sustainable approaches to security, emphasizing common security, conflict resolution and the rule of law.

Thank you
[your name]