

Sample letter to your government urging them to participate effectively in the
UN High-Level Meeting on the 75th anniversary of the UN (Sep 21, 2020)
and in the
UN High-Level Meeting on the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons (Oct 2, 2020).

Dear

The UN General Assembly is hosting two upcoming, high-level (Head-of-State and Ministers), virtual meetings. The first on September 21 is to commemorate the *75th Anniversary of the United Nations*, and the second on October 2 is a *High Level Meeting on the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons*.

I/we urge you to speak at these meetings on the importance to: a) prevent any use of nuclear of nuclear weapons; b) achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world, and c) cut nuclear weapons budgets and investments, and redirect these to addressing the COVID-19 pandemic and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

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. In addition, the \$100 billion spent annually on nuclear weapons is sorely needed for environmental, economic and human needs, including addressing the COVID-19 pandemic and implementing the Sustainable Development Goals.

I/we encourage you in particular to:

1. Call on all States to affirm that a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought, and therefore the nuclear armed States should all affirm policies never to initiate a nuclear war (no-first-use policies);
2. Call on nuclear armed and allied States to commit to the elimination of nuclear weapons by 2045, the 100th anniversary of the United Nations;
3. Call on the nuclear armed States to cut their nuclear weapons budgets, and on all States to end investments in the nuclear weapons industry, and redirect these investments and budgets to supporting COVID-19 management and recovery, supporting the United Nations and financing the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Thank you
[your name]