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Dear Mr. Regehr and Co-signatories:

I would like to thank you for your letter regarding the contemporary geo-political environment, including rising nuclear tensions. I deeply share your concerns regarding the threat that nuclear weapons continue to pose to international peace and security.

In line with our long-standing pursuit of a world free from nuclear weapons, Canada actively contributes to the full implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT). The NPT is the only legally binding global treaty promoting nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament and facilitating access to the peaceful use of nuclear energy and technology. It is the cornerstone of the international non-proliferation and disarmament architecture.

At the previous NPT Review Conference, Canada played a constructive role in promoting full treaty implementation. As part of cross regional groupings of NPT states such as the Non-Proliferation & Disarmament Initiative and the Stockholm Initiative on Nuclear Disarmament, Canada actively contributed to proposals to progress nuclear disarmament, strengthen non-proliferation, and improve access to nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. /Under the NPT regime, Canada prioritizes the entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty into force, a treaty which prohibits all nuclear explosions – including weapons tests – and is designed to help prevent states from developing or improving nuclear weapons. We are also a long-standing champion of the start of negotiations of a Fissile Material Cut-Off Treaty, which would halt the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons. We will not back down on urging the completion of these two steps, which are essential to achieving a world free from nuclear weapons.

We agree that we need to stop the proliferation of nuclear weapons. Deterrence is fundamental, and to do so, we must work with our allies and partners to make the world more secure for everyone. We will remain engaged in all multilateral fora because we know that a nuclear war can never be won and should never be fought.

Thank you once again for your recommendations. Please accept my warmest regards..

Sincerely,

Mr. Ernie Regehr, O.C. et al.
Chair, Canadians for a Nuclear Weapons Convention