



END the ARMS RACE

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Dear Peace Supporter:

We are writing to you on behalf of the End the Arms Race coalition and Vancouver City Council to ask you to take part in an important initiative to make British Columbia a nuclear weapons free zone.

As you may be aware, 111 delegates from 75 organizations from around the province joined forces in Vancouver on September 13 and 14—at the Second Annual B.C. Peace Conference—and launched a B.C.-wide nuclear weapons free zone campaign. As over 50 percent of B.C.'s population now lives in a nuclear weapons free zone, and as there are over 47 such zones in the province, British Columbia is obviously very ready for this step.

End the Arms Race, Vancouver's Special Council Committee on Peace, and peace groups from around the province have agreed upon the following strategy: Peace organizations in all parts of B.C. will approach their city councils and request them to sign a petition which urges the B.C. Government to declare the province a nuclear weapons free zone.

As municipal governments tend to be more responsive to public pressure immediately prior to elections, we are urging peace organizations to initiate their campaigns as soon as possible. To assist you, we have enclosed:

- a set of instructions on how to approach your City Council and get them to sign the petition
- a copy of the petition to the Legislative Assembly for Mayors and Councillors to sign
- a sample motion to City Councils requesting support for the petition
- a list of the municipalities in B.C. that have declared themselves nuclear weapons free zones
- a booklet prepared by Vancouver's Special Council Committee on Peace entitled *Cities and Disarmament*

A province-wide nuclear weapons free zone declaration would not only illustrate that the people of this province do not want to be a part of the continuing buildup of nuclear weapons, it would also make clear to the federal government that we want a nuclear weapons free Canada.

If you have any questions, or would like further information, please contact the End the Arms Race office. We hope that you will join us in this important initiative. Together, we can make this province nuclear weapons free.

Yours in peace,

Frank Kennedy
President
End the Arms Race

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