

## **A Call to Strengthen IPPNW Efforts for the Prevention of Nuclear War**

In light of the escalating geopolitical tensions and the increasing risk of a nuclear conflict, it is imperative that IPPNW intensifies its efforts to prevent nuclear war. The current global situation, in particular the wars in Ukraine and Gaza and the increasing tensions between the USA and China, underscores the need for an assessment of our strategies and actions.

**Urgency of the Situation:** The threat of a nuclear war is not a distant possibility; it is a real and immediate danger. Recent developments have highlighted the fragility of global peace and the potential for catastrophic escalation. While the campaign for the abolition of nuclear weapons is crucial, it is not sufficient in the current situation. As an organization dedicated to the prevention of nuclear war, we must respond to this heightened risk with renewed vigor and strategic focus.

### **Proposed Actions:**

1. **Enhanced Advocacy and Public Awareness:**
  - **Educational Campaigns:** While current educational efforts are significant, there is a need to expand and intensify these campaigns to reach a broader audience and emphasize the immediate risks of nuclear conflict.
  - **Media Engagement:** Continue and increase our efforts in engaging international media to highlight the urgency of the situation and advocate for immediate action.
2. **Strategic Alliances and Partnerships:**
  - **Collaboration with Peace Organizations:** Strengthen and expand partnerships with other peace and disarmament organizations to create a more unified and powerful front against the threat of nuclear war.
  - **Governmental Engagement:** Increase direct engagement with governments and international bodies to advocate for de-escalation measures and the prevention of nuclear conflict.
3. **Support for Ceasefires, Diplomatic Efforts and Peace Negotiations:**
  - **Advocacy for Negotiations and Ceasefires:** Actively promote and contribute to the development of ceasefire frameworks and negotiation approaches.
  - **Civil Society Diplomacy:** Utilize our network and expertise in civil society diplomacy to support diplomatic efforts aimed at resolving conflicts and preventing their escalation into nuclear confrontations. This could involve hosting peace dialogues, facilitating Track II diplomacy initiatives, and providing expert analysis and recommendations to diplomatic actors.
4. **Resource Mobilization:**
  - **Funding for Prevention Efforts:** Secure additional funding specifically dedicated to nuclear war prevention initiatives.
  - **Volunteer Mobilization:** Mobilize more members and supporters to actively participate in prevention efforts, leveraging our global network for maximum impact.

**Conclusion:** The prevention of nuclear war is at the core of IPPNW's mission. In these critical times, we must adapt our strategies and intensify our efforts to address the immediate threats we face. By implementing these proposed actions and building upon our existing work, we, the whole IPPNW federation can strengthen our capacity to prevent a nuclear catastrophe and fulfil our commitment to global peace and security.