

Gather in Small Groups at Prominent Intersections to Inform the Public:

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons Goes into Effect on Friday January 22, 2021

A great historical victory is occurring on Friday January 22, 2021.

In July 2017 a huge majority (122 nations) of the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Since then, **51 nations have ratified the treaty, so it will go into effect on January 22, 2021.** Dozens of additional nations (currently 86) have signed on and are in the process of ratifying it.

The nine nations with nuclear weapons opposed this historic victory for peace. The U.S.'s politicians and mainstream news media have failed to inform the public about the Treaty, so it is up to us – ordinary Americans – to publicize it and rally support throughout our nation.

On Friday January 22 – and days before and after – people will gather on corners of prominent intersections throughout the greater Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater area and hold signs celebrating this. For health safety, we want four or fewer masked persons at each intersection.

Could YOU recruit and schedule three friends to join you in holding signs at an intersection at a convenient location?

One or more of you could make four **signs with messages such as:**

- Nuclear weapons are illegal
- New treaty prohibits nuclear weapons
- www.icanw.org
- Choose peace
- Prevent nuclear war
- Diplomacy not war
- Peace for our children
- We all share one earth
- TPNW goes into effect Jan. 22
- Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear War goes into effect Jan. 22

On January 22, 2021, the Treaty becomes international law because that's 90 days after the 50th signatory had ratified it. The Geneva Convention and the Law of Armed Conflict (better known as International Humanitarian Law) already prohibited their use. Now the nations that ratify this treaty and incorporate it into their own domestic laws are strictly prohibited from: (a) manufacturing, (b) stockpiling, (c) transferring, (d) developing, (e) testing, (f) producing, (g) possessing, (h) using, (i) hosting, (j) assisting, (k) researching, (l) conducting exercises, (m) storing, or (n) enticing or encouraging anyone to test these weapons, to use or to threaten to use them.

The Treaty pertains to all nations, militaries, corporations, universities, laboratories, or individuals involved in these processes. More nations will be ratifying the Treaty and enforcing it in their nations.

- Please help publicize this Treaty by informing the American people, media and politicians about it – and also by encouraging the U.S. and other nations (beyond the current 53 nations) to ratify it.
- Join the various activities to publicize and celebrate the January 22 “entry into force” date. Create your own banners, signs, handbills, or messages for spreading the word.
- Urge more people, non-profit organizations, religious bodies, local governments, media, etc., to support the Treaty and oppose nuclear weapons.
- If you have friends or relatives or contacts in other nations, urge them to ratify the Treaty.
- Urge individuals and mutual funds, insurance companies, endowment funds, etc., to boycott and divest from companies involved with nuclear weapons.
- Information: Contact the Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons through (360) 491-9093 glenanderson@integra.net



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