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STATEMENT ON THE FAILURE OF THE 2005 NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE

The 2005 Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference ended in a failure to agree on a Final Statement moving forward the two critical goals of the treaty, which are nuclear non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament;

This failure is attributable to the resistance of the nuclear weapons states, and particularly the United States, to fulfilling their nuclear disarmament obligations, including those set forth in the 13 Practical Steps for Nuclear Disarmament agreed to at the 2000 NPT Review Conference;

The failure of the 2005 NPT Review Conference places the goals of nuclear non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament in jeopardy;

This results in undermining the security of people everywhere, including those in the nuclear weapons states themselves.

Since nuclear proliferation and nuclear disarmament are inextricably interlinked, the failure to make progress on nuclear disarmament increases the likelihood of nuclear proliferation, while increased nuclear proliferation undermines the prospects for nuclear disarmament.

Therefore, the recipients of the Right Livelihood Awards at their 25th anniversary meeting in Salzburg, Austria call for:

1. An emergency meeting of the United Nations General Assembly to condemn the failure of the nuclear weapons states, and particularly the United States, to act in good faith in fulfilling their obligations for nuclear disarmament and to treat them as outlaw states until they achieve compliance with their obligations under the treaty;
2. The United Nations General Assembly to universalize the Treaty, and declare all states possessing nuclear weapons and who are not currently parties to the treaty (Israel, India, Pakistan and North Korea) as outlaw states until they sign and ratify the treaty;
3. The parties to the Non-Proliferation Treaty to uphold the 13 Practical Steps for Nuclear Disarmament agreed to in the year 2000, as these remain valid and essential components of the nuclear non-proliferation regime;
4. The parties to the Treaty to place strict international controls on all fissionable materials;
5. The people of the world to place unremitting pressure on their governments to move rapidly to achieve a nuclear weapons-free world.