



Welcoming the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) Going into Effect

Since July 2017 when the UN General Assembly approved the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), the NCKK, along with churches and civil society groups around the world, has been organizing a campaign to support its effectuation.

With the ratification by 50 countries on Oct. 24th the TPNW is finally set to take effect in January of 2021. This treaty's entry into force despite U.S. pressure on ratifying countries is a strong manifestation of "human desire for a world free from nuclear weapons", which we heartily welcome.

We urge more countries, including permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, nuclear weapons states, and the two Koreas, to ratify the TPNW, and especially those with nuclear weapons to voluntarily start dismantling them. As a result of our pursuit of nuclear supremacy, the whole of humanity is now at the crossroads of survival. Until the day the TPNW goes into effect and the world without nuclear weapons comes true, we will continue our journey toward life and peace.

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