



Coalition for Peace Action

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CAMPAIGN FOR A NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE WORLD

Working for

- ✓ Global abolition of Nuclear Weapons
- ✓ Peace Economy
- ✓ Halt to Weapons Trafficking

Pace Action will use the upcoming Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) review process (culminating in the NPT Review Conference at the United Nations in May 2010) and the President's expressed support for a nuclear weapons-free world to initiate a grassroots campaign calling on the Obama administration to begin multi-lateral negotiations on abolishing nuclear weapons. The goal is for the administration to begin negotiations by the end of the NPT Review Conference next year.

The ten month campaign promoting nuclear weapons abolition launches August 6 and 9 with Hiroshima and Nagasaki anniversary events in Japan and the US. In addition to helping coordinate and publicize local commemorations around the country, Peace Action's Executive Director, Kevin Martin, traveled to Japan to represent Peace Action at the events organized by our sister Japanese peace group Gensuikin, which invites a Peace Action representative every year and covers all our expenses.

The campaign is an international one, involving groups and activists on every continent (well, maybe not Antarctica) and includes a global petition drive. With our US and international partners, the overall petition goal will be in the millions of signatures. Peace Action's goal is to gather at least 100,000 petition signatures by the end of this year.

Following the launch of the campaign, Peace Action will play a lead role in a series of events that will allow further outreach, education and coordination.

September

Peace Action has the honor of co-chairing the United Nations Department of Information Non-Governmental Organizations conference in Mexico City. Over 1,600 international NGO's accredited by the United Nations will attend this year's conference, which, at the behest of the Mexican government, will focus on peace and disarmament.

Peace Action leaders at this conference will strategize with our sister peace organizations from around the world in the run-up to the April-May 2010 Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference where this campaign reaches fruition. Chuck Hitchcock, a member of Peace Action's International Committee has been chosen the Conference Co-Chair. Both Kevin Martin and Paul Kawika Martin will attend and present at the conference.

This Fall

The President's Nuclear Posture Review (NPR) will be in process during this period. While in the past this has largely been the domain of experts, this year the potential for grassroots involvement exists.

Early this year, Peace Action staff compiled information and expertise from the DC-based disarmament community and distributed a strategy document spelling out the importance of the NPR and ways to influence the process via grassroots, Congress and the grassroots. With dozens of years of lobbying experience and relationships built on Capitol Hill, Peace Action is generating letters to the President from Congress in support of a progressive NPR. Among the grassroots actions Peace Action's network will engage in are a Dear Mr. President letter from Members of Congress, letters to the Administration and a letters to the editor campaign.

In July, President Obama and Russian President Medvedev agreed to reductions in US and Russian nuclear stockpiles, presenting a framework for a new START Treaty. Ratification of a new nuclear arms reduction treaty with Russia will require 67 votes in the Senate, meaning 7 to 9 Republican votes are required when the treaty is presented to the Senate this Fall. Peace Action is working in key states to secure the votes necessary to ratify this important treaty.



November The International Peace Bureau (IPB), the oldest and most comprehensive international peace federation will hold a conference in Washington DC, November 14-15 at Georgetown University's Intercultural Center. The conference will focus on militarism and its hindrance to development. Peace Action is a member of the IPB (which celebrates the 100th anniversary of its winning the Nobel Prize next year) and has been selected to host/co-sponsor the conference. Peace Action will use the opportunity to coordinate meetings for our international colleagues with congressional and administration representatives.



In 2010 President Obama's Global Nuclear Security Summit, planned for next March in Washington, will provide an opportunity for grassroots action to focus public and media attention and highlight the demands of the international community to link non-proliferation and disarmament.

April, 2010 Peace Action activists will continue to participate in Congressional Education Days organized each year by the Alliance of Nuclear Accountability, and continue to play a lead role in other coalitions Peace Action is active in.

The culmination of this campaign is the review of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty scheduled for next May at the United Nations. Senior Peace Action staff and volunteer leaders participated in a preparatory conference scheduled last May at the United Nations which included both official governmental sessions and non-governmental organization statements to the conference, as well as NGO educational and planning sessions. In addition to gathering information on the negotiating positions of the US and other parties to the talks, Peace Action's leaders reconnected with colleagues in the international peace movement, and agreed on concrete steps over the next year to promote our abolition agenda. Peace Action is working with international allies to form an agenda for grassroots action around the NPT Review Conference that will include:

- A major international peace conference in New York City on Saturday, May 1, 2010 focusing on the Non Proliferation Treaty, but also addressing related issues from the economic crisis to the wars in Afghanistan and Pakistan.
- On Sunday, May 2, 2010 designated "International Action Day for a Nuclear Free World" an internationally supported mass demonstration and rally in New York City will be held.
- A second wave of activities on May 14, when an additional 800 Japanese peace activists will arrive in New York aboard the Peace Boat.
- A "DC lobby day" component will be planned for those who can get to Washington to lobby the Administration and Congress on nuclear disarmament issues. President Obama, a former organizer himself, understands how grassroots movement can serve as an engine of change. You can be a part of this historic effort. To learn more, go to www.peace-action.org and find the chapter nearest you or call us 301.565.4050, ext 308. Or call us locally at one of the contact numbers on the front-bottom of this sheet.

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