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Your Excellency

Today after the new North Korean nuclear test we can hardly avoid taking here up the nuclear issues. It is very understandable that you Secretary General and the Security Council are busy to find some kind of solution to the menace created by North Korea to peace and security.

We in the peace movement wish you and the Security Council good luck in your efforts. But in the long run we believe that the nuclear problems can not be solved 'locally' with all the newcomers who want to join the nuclear club. We have for a long time already had Israel, then India and Pakistan and now North Korea. The danger that nuclear weapons harbour in the hands of fanatic nongovernmental actors is increasing rapidly.

As we all remember after many years of protests and campaigning of peace movements and thoughtful politicians the Nuclear Proliferation Treaty (NPT) was signed in 1968. According to the treaty the non-nuclear states promised not to acquire nuclear weapons and the five official nuclear states promised to work in 'good faith' for a plan and a time table to eliminate the nuclear weapons all together, that is total nuclear disarmament.

NPT looked first very promising, but since the treaty was signed four decades ago we have heard only bad news from the nuclear front. The dangers to peace and security are not only increasing by new nuclear states. The official nuclear states themselves are modernising and renewing their nuclear arsenals.

The situation with the nuclear threat looks more and more like the threat of global warming. All experts of the issue know the real dangers, but it seems to be very difficult to agree upon policies effective enough to stop the dangerous development.

My question, Your Excellency, is the following.

Year 2010 there will be the Review Conference of the NPT. Can you see any possibilities that in this conference a real break trough toward a general nuclear disarmament could be made?