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Petition to France's President and Parliament

# Let's Disarm to Avoid the Apocalypse and Build a Better World

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- ▶ While the whole world is mobilising against the coronavirus pandemic,
- ▶ While millions of citizens of all nations are answering the call of the UN secretary-general for a ceasefire in all wars,
- ▶ While climate change is threatening the planet's equilibrium and the survival of humankind,
- ▶ While the most elementary needs of millions of human beings are not being met,

**France**, the world's third arms-vendor after the USA and Russia, continues to make, sell and export weapons to nations at war.

**France** and eight other states armed with atomic weapons spend stupendous sums on preparing a nuclear war which could, at any moment, wipe out humankind.

**France** has spent hundreds of millions on manufacturing atomic bombs and missiles, and is spending 14.5million euros per day - 37 billion from now to 2025 - on making new ones.

**France**, the « Home of Human Rights », deems it necessary to be able to kill a million people with her 300 H-bombs.

**France**, a defender of International Law, has since 1992 flouted Article VI of the NPT (Non-Proliferation Treaty) which obliges her to negotiate with the other states concerned the elimination of all their nuclear weapons..

**France**, on 31 March 2020, in the middle of the pandemic, simulated a nuclear strike in the skies over Brittany, using a missile 20 times more powerful than the bomb that destroyed Hiroshima on 6 August 1945.

In the operation named "Poker", some Phenix aircraft, which a few days earlier had carried coronavirus patients, took part in the simulated massacre of millions of people.

**We do not want this two-faced France, one side fraternal, the other criminal.**

**We want her foreign policy and her defense policy to respect her republican motto, her values, and her constitution.**

According to an IFOP poll, 85 % of French citizens want their nation to take part in the abolition of nuclear and radioactive weapons. They also want to be consulted and heard on this vital question.

**For these reasons we ask:**

## ► The President of the Republic :

o to stop France's *arms exports*

o to suspend *the operations of the arms factories* until further notice

o to suspend *all military manoeuvres* related to nuclear weapons

o to *invite all the states concerned to negotiate the complete controlled elimination of all nuclear and radioactive weapons.*

## - The MP's and Senators :

o to cosign the Bill, already signed by 43 parliamentarians, aimed at organising a *referendum on France's participation in the abolition of nuclear and radioactive weapons.*

o to launch a *great national debate* on the abolition of arms of extermination (nuclear, biological, chemical and new-technology) and on so-called "conventional" disarmament, as a means for building a new world after the coronavirus crisis, **a world of peace, a free, just and fraternal world.**

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