

**European Nuclear Disarmament:
*A New Statement***

The INF Treaty, signed by Presidents Gorbachev and Reagan in 1987, bans all ground-based missiles – nuclear and conventional – with ranges between 500 and 5500km. It addresses the risk of ‘limited’ nuclear war, which sparked a Europe-wide movement of opposition and in favour of a nuclear weapons free zone in Europe, as expressed in the European Nuclear Disarmament (END) Appeal of 1980.

The END Appeal specifically sought the removal of medium range mobile nuclear weapons, deployed on Soviet territory and by the United States at bases in six European NATO member countries, in order to save the continent from becoming a nuclear battleground. It warned ‘we are entering the most dangerous decade in human history’. Appallingly, danger intensifies again. In January, the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists moved forward the hands of

the ‘Doomsday Clock’ to two minutes to midnight. As the year draws to a close, President Trump’s announcement drives the world nearer to the nuclear precipice.

We call on everyone concerned with peace and security to join in raising the alarm over the likely consequences of scrapping the INF Treaty and to work towards the creation of more Nuclear-Weapons-Free-Zones, including in Europe. These efforts will complement existing global disarmament initiatives, including the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, recently agreed at the United Nations.

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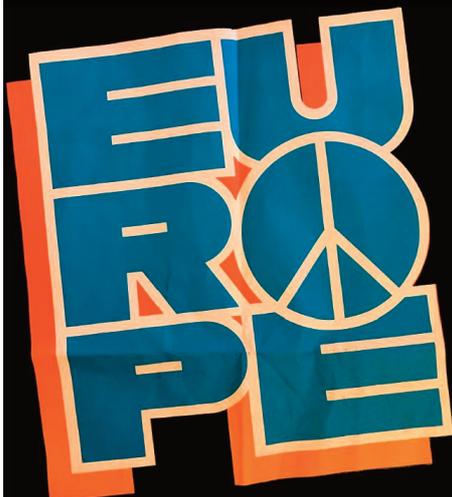


Ahead of the protest, Molly Scott Cato said: “Our action is intended to challenge EU countries to remove US nuclear weapons from European soil. Each B61 bomb is 23 times more powerful than the bomb that devastated Hiroshima. These apocalyptic weapons should find no home in Europe.

“We demand that Europe’s nuclear nations immediately sign up to the landmark global Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and begin the process of decommissioning their nuclear arsenals.

“Nuclear weapons are obsolete in an era of asymmetric warfare and cyber warfare and have no place in a European defence policy for the 21st century. Britain and France have ignored their obligations under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons for far too long.”

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Greens stage anti-nuke action

Three MEPs, Molly Scott Cato from the UK, Michèle Rivasi from France, & Tilly Metz from Luxembourg were arrested after breaking into a Belgian military airbase to protest against its stockpiling of American B61 nuclear bombs. The MEPs scaled the perimeter fence and blocked the runway, unfurling a banner which read: “Europe Free of Nuclear weapons.” The MEPs were held in a local police station for questioning.

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INF Treaty at threat: Prevent a 21st century nuclear arms race

IPB Statement

On February 2nd, President Trump announced the unilateral suspension of the US from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty. After several months of verbal escalation, the United States rejected the Russian offer to inspect a suspected missile (Novator 9M729) and declared that it would announce its decision on February 2nd.

Russia accused the United States of violating the Treaty by deploying a component of a missile defence system – the Mark 41 Vertical Launch System (VLS) – that is capable of launching offensive missiles.

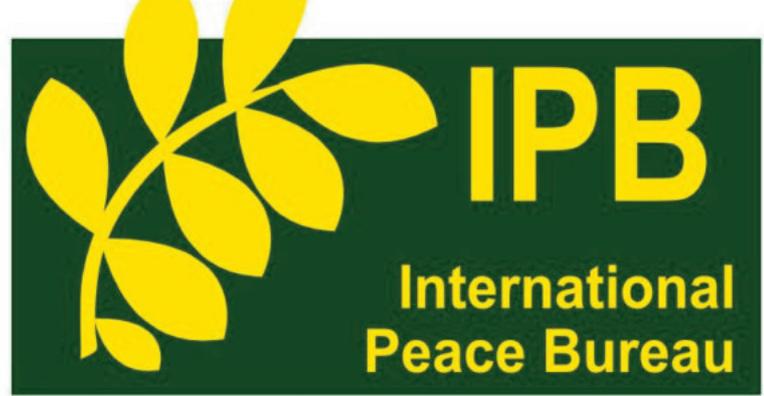
By suspending its compliance with the Treaty, the United States will then be able to deploy prohibited missiles in Europe. In reaction of the unlawful behaviour of the US, Russia withdrew from the treaty as a reaction to the US actions. These attacks against this

significant nuclear arms treaty are almost inevitably setting off a new arms race. Meanwhile, the US is renewing the nuclear weapons based in five European countries.

The INF treaty led to the elimination and renunciation of deployments of all US and Russian nuclear and conventional ground-launched cruise and ballistic missiles with ranges of 500 to 5,000 km. Signed in 1987, after millions of people had fought to stop the nuclear arms race, it has dramatically reduced the danger of Europe becoming the primary theatre for a nuclear war and thus marked the end of the Cold War.

IPB calls for a massive and united mobilization of all the forces opposed to this project of mass destruction to work together, nationally and internationally, to avert a new nuclear arms race.

We urgently appeal for negotiations to preserve and reinforce the INF



Treaty and associate all other nuclear-armed states. In addition, NATO governments are called upon to take a clear stance of against the usage of Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces and support bilateral and international negotiations. The global population depends on a new coalition of sensibility and reasonability.

IPB calls on all countries to ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, adopted by the UN in 2017, which offers a solid international framework for the elimination of nuclear weapons.

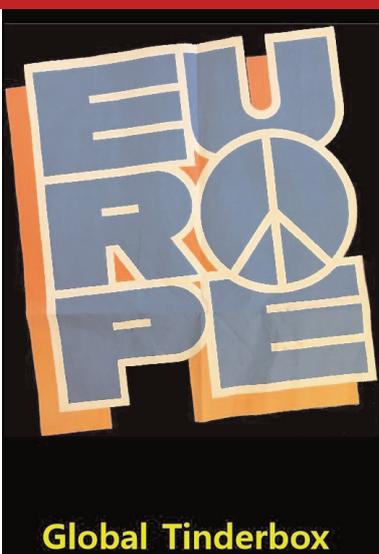
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Towards a nuclear weapons free Europe: European Green Party Resolution

Between 23 and 25 November 2018, the European Green Party convened in Berlin for their Council meeting. At this Council, the EGP adopted a resolution titled 'Towards a nuclear weapons free Europe'.

The resolution opens: "American nuclear weapons still linger on European Union soil ... The presence of the American nuclear weapons in Europe, the Russian nuclear weapons and means of delivery in the Western part of their country and continued investments in British and French nuclear arsenals is inconsistent with the EGP's peace policy ... The establishment of a European nuclear-weapons free zone, the perspective of nuclear disarmament in Europe and EU28 joining the TPNW should be included in current discussions about the EU's security and defence policy. The EU should lead by example and make concrete steps towards nuclear disarmament of the continent."

See vote.europeangreens.eu for more information.

European Parliament Resolution

The European Parliament agreed a motion for resolution 'on the future of the INF Treaty and the impact on the EU.

There is much in the resolution and although it won a plurality of support within the EP, not everyone will agree with every aspect of it.

However, points 7 and 8 of the resolution are important. They read:

"7. Unerlines the urgent need to prevent regional nuclear arms races and the stationing of new nuclear weapons between the Atlantic and the Ural mountains;

8. Commends the entry into force of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, the universalisation



of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, and the establishment of further nuclear-free zones as positive steps; believes that Europe must lead by example in order to be credible and to advance a nuclear free-free world to which all European states are committed".

Visit to Brussels

A representative of the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation visited the European Parliament in Brussels on Tuesday 5 March to further the discussion around the idea of a Nuclear-Weapons-Free-Zone for Europe.

Meetings were held with representatives of the European Greens, European United Left/Nordic Green Left and the office of a Labour MEP.

The idea of a future meeting, to take place after the EP elections, to discuss NWFZs and 'European Nuclear Disarmament' was raised.

Look out for further information!

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This article, published in *The Spokesman 141 - Global Tinderbox* aims to contextualise the history of efforts towards a NWFZ in Europe, describes how the campaign for European Nuclear Disarmament contributed to the development of the INF Treaty, analyses some of the causes of the crisis in the INF Treaty and outlines the potential role of a NWFZ in Europe for securing peace.

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Time for Europe's Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone?

Tom Unterrainer

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Background

As nuclear weapons proliferated from the 1950s onward, so did moves to create Nuclear Weapon-Free Zones. Such zones exist on every continent of the planet and extend from the floors of our oceans to the moon.¹ Europe is one of the few regions bereft of NWFZs, despite repeated efforts. Indeed, the whole concept of NWFZs originated in initiatives, consultations and negotiations of varying compositions and political orientations, to safeguard Europe.²

Why, then, did such efforts fail? In the early 1980s Ken Coates of the Russell Foundation argued:

"If the pressure for denuclearised zones began in Europe, and if the need for them ... remains direst there, why have governments in the Third World been, up to now, so much more effectively vocal on this issue than those of the European continent? Part of the answer surely lies in the prevalence of the non-aligned movement among countries in

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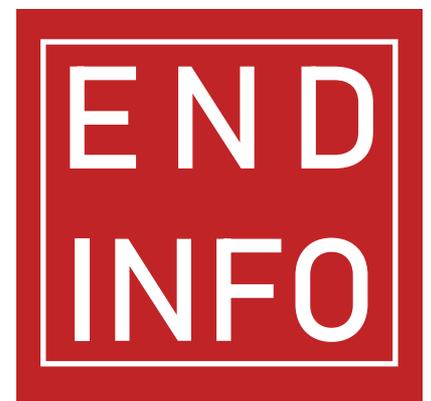
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