Global NFU Campaign Meeting
May 26-27, 2021

A civil society meeting to build cooperation and campaign actions for no-first-use policies

Organized by
Abolition 2000 working group on nuclear risk reduction (UK/International), Basel Peace Office (Switzerland/International), Beyond the Bomb (USA), People for Nuclear Disarmament (Australia), PragueVision Institute for Sustainable Security (Czech Republic), World Future Council (Germany/International) and Zona Libre (Mexico).

INTRODUCTION:
‘No-first-use’ (NFU) is a policy that can be adopted by a nuclear armed (or allied) state to never initiate a nuclear exchange by being the first to use nuclear weapons. China and India have declared such policies. The Soviet Union/Russia had such a policy from 1982 to 1993. There are political developments promoting the adoption of no-first-use policies by others – particularly the United States and its allies under extended nuclear deterrence, i.e. NATO/Japan/South Korea and Australia.

This event will bring together campaigners, policy makers, academics and others to discuss strategies, share initiatives and build cooperation for a Global NFU campaign to:

a) advocate for the adoption and implementation of NFU policies by nuclear-armed States;
b) assist the USA NFU campaign by building necessary support from US allies in Asia/Pacific and NATO/Europe;
c) advance NFU as part of the broader objectives of nuclear risk-reduction, non-proliferation and disarmament, and as complementary to other related measures and initiatives.

PROGRAM:

Session 1: Timed for participants from Americas/Europe/Africa/Middle East
Wednesday May 26: CET: 17:00-19:30, San Francisco (PDT): 8:00-10:30, Mexico City (CDT): 10:00-12:30, New York (EDT): 11:00-13:30, London 16:00-18:30, Geneva/Cairo: 17:00-19:30, Moscow/Tel Aviv/Amman: 18:00-20:30.

- Introduction to the campaign
- Participants share their actions and initiatives on no-first-use
- Discussion on strategies to advance no-first-use
- Proposals for the campaign

Session 2: Timed for participants from Asia/Pacific
Thursday May 27: CET: 7:00-9:30, Islamabad: 10:00-12:30, Delhi: 10:30-13:00, Nurtsultan: 11:00-13:30, Beijing: 13:00-15:30, Tokyo/Seoul: 14:00-16:30, Sydney: 15:00-17:30, Wellington: 17:00-19:30, Honolulu: 19:00-21:30.

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- Introduction to the NFU campaign
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Session 3: Concluding session
Thursday May 27: CET: 14:00-15:30, San Francisco (PDT): 05:00-06:30, Mexico City (CDT): 07:00-08:30, New York (EDT): 08:00-9:30, London 13:00-14:30, Geneva/Cairo: 14:00-15:30, Helsinki/Moscow: 15:00-16:30, Delhi: 17:30-19:00, Tokyo: 21:00-22:30, Sydney: 22:00-23:30.

- Elements of the campaign
- Campaign resources
- How organizations and individuals can be involved
- Addressing the proposals and future events

The event is for individuals and organizations supporting the adoption of NFU policies. Click here to apply to participate. Event webpage. Event facebook page. For more information contact: info@baselpeaceoffice.org