

To whom it may concern

1. A Nuclear Weapons Convention is a clear path to disarmament and Australia must advocate starting negotiations for a Convention. The International Commission on Non Proliferation and Disarmament provides a key opportunity to promote a Nuclear Weapons Convention.

2. Australia must encourage the ratification of key treaties. The most essential is to get outstanding signatures to bring the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty into force. Support of Nuclear Weapon Free Zone treaties by Nuclear Weapon States is also vital.

3. Australia must review its uranium export agreements in light of nuclear weapons proliferation risks and act to reduce these risks.

4. Australian treaties should not allow use of Australian facilities in the US Missile Defence program.

5. As per the recommendations of the UN Expert Group on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education, the Government must actively support peace and disarmament education.

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