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PETITION

TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

We the undersigned citizens

draw the attention of the House to the following;

that:

"Canada is a party to the first use/first strike of nuclear weapons through its membership in NATO and through numerous bilateral agreements with the US, and this policy according to the judgment of the World Court in 1996 is in direct violation of international humanitarian law precisely because it embodies the operationalized threat to use nuclear weapons—the preferred weapons of mass destruction" states Dr. Fred Knelman. In Knelman's book, Nuclear Energy the Unforgiving Technology, he points out the inextricable link between nuclear energy and the development of nuclear weapons and elaborates on the fungibility principle and the flaws inherent 'in a condition of sale that Canadian uranium should only be used for peaceful purposes. Nevertheless, some Canadian uranium has found its way into the nuclear arsenals of the US, Britain and France.

"There must be a serious investigation into the role of Canada in the development and projected use of weapons of mass destruction"

says Dr. Joan Russow, National Leader of the Green Party of Canada .

What has been the role of Canadian Universities?

What has been the role of Provincial and Federal governments in the proliferation of nuclear weapons?

"The government of Saskatchewan has, to a major degree, based its economy on the export of uranium. Even though (as noted by Dr. Fred Knelman) successive Canadian governments have been promoting the sale of CANDU reactors and the export of uranium around the world. In the past, for example, even though Canada knew that Argentina had a secret program to develop nuclear weapons, Canada persisted in the sale of a CANDU reactor.

What has been the role of the Canadian government in consistently voting with the US on key UN General Assembly resolution requiring nuclear arms control and disarmament, and voting against any inclusion in recent UN Conference Action plans on

eliminating weapons of mass destruction? Canada has continually condoned the berthing of nuclear armed or nuclear powered vessels in Canadian urban ports.

What has been the role of the Federal government in the development of chemical and biological weapons?

This role was evident in the former four country joint project (Britain, Canada, US and Australia) in which one of the two major research station was at Suffield, Alberta.

This is the time for reflection in Canada on Canada's role in the development and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, on the need for full public disclosure.

THEREFORE, your petitioners request that Parliament do the following:

- (i) to proceed with haste to discontinue the permission that has been granted to nuclear-powered or nuclear-armed vessels in the harbours of Canada
 - (ii) to cancel the sale of all CANDU reactors, and discontinue all future sale of CANDU reactors
 - (iii) to phase out the use of nuclear energy in Canada
 - (iv) to suffocate the mining of Uranium
 - (v) to reveal to the public the full extent of Canada's past and current contribution to the development and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.
 - (vi) to immediately cancel the Nanoose Agreement
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