

Resolution No. 5

THE ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPON

The ITUC-AP Regional General Council, in its 20th meeting (10-11 March 2021, Virtual):

Recalls the Conference Thematic Paper adopted by the 4th Regional Conference of the ITUC-AP (7-9 October 2019, Tokyo), which stresses that ‘peace is an essential precondition for economic progress and social justice’ and ‘nuclear weapons pose a particularly destructive threat.’ Hence, the ‘prevention of the proliferation and use of nuclear weapons is urgently important.’

Supports the initiatives of JTUC-RENGO in nuclear disarmament, including the ‘10 Million Signatures Campaign’ for the abolition of nuclear weapons in association with the ITUC. The JTUC-RENGO collected 8,247,714 signatures and delivered them to the United Nations and the government of Japan at the end of 2020.

Welcomes the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), which entered into force on 22 January 2021 and reaffirms that any use of nuclear weapons would be abhorrent to the principles of humanity and dictates of public conscience.

Calls for the international community to be fully and seriously committed to pushing for the signing and ratification of the TPNW, recognising the challenge that majority of UN member states has not yet signed or ratified the treaty. Since its adoption on 7 July 2017, the TPNW has only been signed by 86 and ratified by 51 UN member states.

More specifically, the ITUC-AP Regional General Council:

1. *Requests* governments that have not signed or ratified the TPNW to take immediate and concrete actions to address this omission;
2. *Calls urgently* for an agreement on a roadmap towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons at the forthcoming Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT);
3. *Requests that* the ITUC-AP, the ITUC, and its member organisations continue building workers’ power and raising their voices in solidarity for peace, disarmament, democracy, and rights everywhere towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons.