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Appeal for a French referendum on the abolition of nuclear weapons

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Since 27 October 2016, the abolition of nuclear arms is on the agenda of the UN. But France, as well as the US, UK and Russia did vote against the convening in 2017 of a Conference to negotiate a Ban Treaty of nuclear weapons. However there is a hope to change this position.

Today, at the same time when the Conference for a Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty meets in New York, 126 French MPs and senators are calling for a referendum on this question, which has never been debated by the French people. They are proposing a bill to organise it. They need to lift their number to 185 (20% of parliamentarians) according to article 11 of the Constitution. If their colleagues respond to this call before the next elections in June and if subsequently 10% of voters support their proposition, it will be France's first "referendum by shared initiative" (i.e. parliament and people).

The law proposed formulates the referendum question thus:

« Do you want France to negotiate and ratify with all the States concerned a treaty to ban and completely eliminate nuclear weapons under mutual and international control that is strict and effective? »

To this question 74% of French citizens would respond YES, according to an IFOP poll. Similarly, 74% of them wish to be consulted by referendum on this question and say they are willing to support the parliamentary initiative if it goes ahead.

In order to convince a sufficient number of French Parliamentarians that a great change in the French policies is wanted by the rest of the world, we would highly appreciate an international support of NGOs and personalities. Thanks in advance.

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The first MPs and Senators to sign this call for a referendum and this bill are named here (with the département of each):

22 March 2016: 12 MPs

Catherine Quéré, Députée de la Charente-Maritime (17)
Serge Bardy,Député du Maine-et-Loire (49)
Geneviève Gaillard, Députée des Deux-Sèvres (79)
Philippe Plisson, Député de la Gironde (33)
Suzanne Tallard, Députée de la Charente Maritime (17)
François-Michel Lambert, Député des Bouches-du-Rhône (13)
Jean-Michel Clément, Député de la Vienne (86)
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Jérôme Lambert, Député de la Charente (16)
Véronique Massonneau, Députée de la Vienne (86)
Hervé Pelllois, Député du Morbihan (29)

13 July 2016: 60 MPs and Senators

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(*) FLA : French Citizens Living Abroad
(**) S = Senator

Signatories as of 6 April 2017: 126 Parliamentarians, including 104 MPs and 22 Senators

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