French military programming law for 2019-2025 and modernization of French nuclear weapons

French military programming law for 2019-2025 devotes €295 billion to an increase in the military budget from €34 billion to €44 billion per year, bringing it to 2% of France’s GDP (which is €2,200 billion), the largest increase in military spending. It represents an increase from 8.5% to more than 11.3% of the state budget (€386 Billion/year). In this programming law, €37 billion are especially devoted for modernization of French nuclear weapons. We tell here about the strategy of French pacifists to move this nuclear weapons money to civil use for the country.

Peace campaign against nuclear weapons and militarization of space

As the French peace movement, Mouvement de la Paix is involved in campaigns against all such weapons. It asks French government to sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and to significantly reduce military spending. Peace campaign is to be helpful for contributing in building a world of peace and security and avoid French programmes of militarization of space [4-6].

There are strong arguments against the absurdity of weapons of mass destruction, such as nuclear weapons, and the shocking increase in military budgets while, at the same time, our government attacks social welfare, social security, pensions, and education. The action for peace in France is a question of developing peaceful strategies by demonstrating, protesting, and informing. French public opinion can evolve in favor of a questioning of military nuclear and the militarization of space. France, like the other countries possessing the nuclear weapon, will be then able to go towards an abandonment of these weapons of massive destruction.

Conclusion

The NWBT is already of great value in denouncing nuclear weapons. The goal is to eradicate nuclear weapons. We aim to establish a real debate in France on the need to move nuclear weapons money for civil and peaceful use, thinking that the world can be better saved by promoting peace and disarmament. Multiplying initiatives to denounce the French military programming law for 2019-2025 is a means and is also a question of winning the battle of opinion to oppose the modernization of nuclear weapons, and through this, to advance the cause of France and Europe as a zone of peace, making France an example for other countries. It is especially urgent in the context of the suspension of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty by the USA on 1 February 2019.

To go further, what an honour if France joins the list of countries that have possessed nuclear weapons and that have renounced them, such as South Africa, Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan.

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