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Dear fellow Mayors for Peace

I write to encourage you to join [Global Wave 2015](#) – to ‘wave good bye to nuclear weapons’ on April 26/27. Over 16,000 nuclear weapons remain in the world’s arsenals, many on high-readiness to use. Even the use of **one** nuclear weapon in a populated area would create catastrophic humanitarian consequences lasting generations.

Representatives of the 190 member countries of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), including most of the nuclear-armed countries, will be meeting at the United Nations in New York from April 27 – May 22 for the 5-yearly review of the treaty.

Mayors, parliamentarians and other representatives of civil society are joining together in a [global mobilisation](#), calling on the States Parties to the NPT to prohibit nuclear weapons, agree on a phased programme for their elimination, and re-invest the US\$100 billion global nuclear weapons budget into areas of social need such as eliminating poverty, addressing climate change, and ensuring basic health care and education world-wide.

Global Wave 2015 involves a simple action - *waving goodbye to nuclear weapons* from your town or city. Photos and/or videos of the wave can be posted on social media with the hashtags #globalwave2015 #wavetonukes and will then presented to the governments at the NPT Review Conference. The Global Wave will start at a [huge peace rally](#) in New York on April 26 at approximately 1pm, and then go westward around the world in 24 hours arriving back in New York on April 27 as the government conference begins.

Please consider filming a *wave goodbye to nuclear weapons* at your mayoral/council chamber or city hall. The wave could be small involving the Mayor, some staff or councillors, or also involve representatives of civil society.

Please email info@globalwave2015.org for further information and to announce your Global Wave action, which will be posted on the [World Map of Wave Actions](#).

The Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision calls for the elimination of nuclear weapons by 2020. Global Wave actions around the world can help make this a reality.

Yours sincerely



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