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## **IAPMC Petition for a Nuclear Weapons Free Middle East**

The New York Times has reported that the US has been reinforcing its already large military presence in the Middle East as a leg of its negotiations with Iran over the claim that Iran is building “nuclear weapons”. This is exacerbating an already tense and volatile situation. Coupled with economic sanctions, it adds to the fires burning in the Middle East, a real threat of another Middle East war with wide spread repercussions.

Peace loving people must speak out. We are calling for support of the Conference to be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations together with Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States, in Helsinki, Finland in December, 2012, to be attended by all states in the region of the Middle East, to consider the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction.

The establishment of such a zone would be based on legally-binding agreements freely concluded by all States of the region and with the full support and engagement of the nuclear-weapon States. The objective is to ensure that ALL the countries in the region agree to rid the region of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems.

This is a logical solution rooted in both history and the anti-nuclear weapon experience.

We urge you to sign our petition.

Yours in Peace,

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