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## Declaration from French mouvement « Le Mouvement de la Paix » on April 9 – Sent to participants at online worldconférence, April 25

### "Cease Fire Global" and "Covid-19".

**The French Peace Movement supports the UN Secretary General's appeal.**

**The primary urgency is to invest for human life and the protection of the planet! French peace Movement calls for action for the ratification of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.**

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Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary General, has called (2) for a global ceasefire in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and called for *"an end to the scourge of war and to struggle against the disease that is ravaging our world. It starts with stopping the fighting. Everywhere. Right now. This is what all of us, members of the human family, need. Today more than ever. »*

The French Peace Movement fully supports this call.

In France, the pandemic reveals that hospitals and public health services are under-equipped and under-staffed due to policies that challenge the capacity of the State to carry out its mission of public health security.

The French Peace Movement, which has constantly supported the struggles of health workers (1) thanks these personnel and all the trades that work hard in the service of the population. It will continue to support all those who work for a society of justice, equality and peace, solidarity and well-being.

The situation in other countries, including the world's largest power, the USA, is similar.

The Peace Movement, within the framework of its field of action, believes that ecological crises, health and social issues, as well as the worsening economic crisis, call for societal choices to be made, taking in account fundamental principles that put the interests of humans first.

The staggering sums spent on military expenditure are unbearable in the current context and inadmissible (\$1830 billion in world military spending in 2019, in the United States a project plans to spend \$1.2 trillion from 2020 to 2046 on the nuclear arms race in the United States).

As part of the new nuclear posture, in France 100 billion euros have been earmarked for the 15 years to come (e.g. as part of the "modernization" of its nuclear arsenal, etc.). This situation is mind-boggling.

As Pope Francis said last year in Hiroshima "the nuclear arms race is criminal" not only because of the major risk of the elimination of all human life on earth, but also because it deprives humanity and the poorest of the necessary means to live with dignity and safe.

The primary urgency is to invest for human life and the protection of the planet.

Now more than ever is the time to demand the ratification of the Nuclear Weapons Treaty(TIAN) by France and all the states of the world and the allocation of the corresponding funds to the needs of the population and in particular for health.

A simple and useful first action is to sign the petition for ratification of the Ban Treaty nuclear weapons (<https://www.mvtpaix.org/wordpress/petition-pour-un-traite-dinterdiction-des-arnesnucleaires/>).

This action is part of the Global Campaign on Military Spending (Global Campaign on MilitarySpending - GCOMS) in which many peace movements worldwide participate

**The Peace Movement, 8 April 2020**

**Le Mouvement de la Paix – French peace Mouvement**



**Demonstration in front of the main french Nuclear base of Ile Longue in France in october 2018**