

Resolution to Endorse the Call to Prevent Nuclear War of the Back from the Brink Campaign

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Whereas, the United States was the first country in the world to develop nuclear weapons and now harbors a huge nuclear arsenal;

Whereas, the United States military in August of 1945 dropped two nuclear bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, unleashing massive devastation in the first and only actual nuclear attacks to date;

Whereas, the United States is a signatory of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty;

Whereas, in 1996 the International Court of Justice ruled that the use of nuclear weapons is contrary to international humanitarian law, and further concluded that States were under an obligation to pursue negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament; and

Whereas, the \$1.7 trillion dollar nuclear weapons modernization program being undertaken by the United States over the course of three decades violates international law and increases the risk of nuclear catastrophe;

Be it resolved, that the National Lawyers Guild endorses the following Call to Prevent Nuclear War of the Back from the Brink Campaign (www.preventnuclearwar.org):

“We call on the United States to lead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by:

1. Renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first;
2. Ending the sole, unchecked authority of any U.S. president to launch a nuclear attack;
3. Taking U.S. nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert;
4. Cancelling the plan to replace its entire nuclear arsenal with enhanced weapons; and
5. Actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear-armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals.”

Endorsed by the Maryland Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild. Curtis Cooper will be responsible for communicating any formal endorsement to the Back from the Brink Campaign.