Nuclear Weapons and the Human Right to Life

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“Every human being has the inherent right to life.”

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICCPR General Comment 36

1. The threat or use of nuclear weapons violates the right to life

2. States must take measures to stop the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction

3. States must provide reparations to victims of the testing or use of nuclear weapons
Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

Article 6

Victim Assistance

Environmental Remediation
International Court of Justice

Advisory opinion on nuclear weapons and human rights
“the legacy of nuclear testing is one of the cruelest examples of environmental injustice”

—U.N Special Rapporteur on Toxics
“Our suffering cannot be undone...but we hope that, in this new treaty to ban nuclear weapons, governments will at last acknowledge and make reparations for the harm inflicted upon Indigenous peoples, communities, lands and sea.”

Indigenous Statement to the U.N. Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty Negotiators
Nuclear abolition must exist side-by-side with other human rights movements
Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

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