



## **WILPF Resolution on Nuclear Weapons**

*The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), meeting at the quadrennial Congress in San José, Costa Rica in August 2011,*

*Opposed to* the continuing existence, possession, testing, development, modernization, and potential use of or threat of using nuclear weapons,

*Recalling* the unanimous commitment at the 2010 nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference of all states party to the Treaty "to pursue policies that are fully compatible with the Treaty and the objective of achieving a world without nuclear weapons,"

*Recalling also* the commitment made by the nuclear weapon states at the 2000 NPT Review Conference - and reaffirmed at the 2010 NPT Review Conference - of an unequivocal undertaking to accomplish the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals,

*Concerned with* the plans and prospects of states possessing nuclear weapons to upgrade, modernize, or otherwise refurbish their nuclear arsenals and related infrastructure,

*Disturbed that* the US and Russian governments made ratification of the new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START) contingent upon increased funding for nuclear weapons, delivery systems, and infrastructure,

*Aware that* increased funding for nuclear weapons will only prevent nuclear disarmament within our lifetimes and increase the risk of further proliferation and potential use of nuclear weapons,

*Appalled at* the decision to allocate increased funds to nuclear weapons in the midst of a global economic crisis, wherein ordinary citizens in all countries struggle to meet their basic daily needs,

*Recognizing* that nuclear weapons are antithetical to human security and environmental sustainability,

*Emphasizing that* arms control treaties should be conducive to progressive disarmament that leads to a world safer for all humanity rather than to further armament and investment in the arms industry,

*Recognizing that* women are internationally underrepresented in discussions, negotiations, and policymaking regarding nuclear weapons,

1. *Opposes* the commitments to nuclear weapon modernization made by the US and Russian governments as conditions for ratification of New START;
2. *Encourages* governments to ensure the broader inclusion of women as decision- and policymakers on issues related to nuclear weapons, as a step toward implementing UN

- Security Council resolution 1325 on women, peace, and security;
3. *Calls for* an immediate freeze to all projects, programmes, and plans for the modernization of nuclear weapons, delivery systems, and related infrastructure by all states who possess nuclear weapons;
  4. *Urges* governments to redirect funds spent on nuclear weapons to meet human and environmental needs;
  5. *Calls on* all governments to pursue policies consistent with achieving nuclear disarmament, including ceasing the development, testing, modernization, and production of nuclear weapons; reducing and eliminating nuclear weapon arsenals bilaterally, unilaterally, or multilaterally; cutting funding for nuclear weapon programmes; and engaging in a multilateral process to develop a nuclear weapon convention to eliminate and ban nuclear weapons;
  6. *Urges* all WILPF members, WILPF sections and other civil society and non- governmental organizations to oppose nuclear weapon modernization and to oppose “deals” by political elites that include nuclear weapon modernization as a condition of implementation of treaties or agreements; and
  7. *Calls on* the WILPF congress to decide to develop a plan on how WILPF sections can together work to ban nuclear weapons by the promotion of a nuclear weapons convention.