

I believe that there needs to be a working alliance of persons and organizations with an unequivocal commitment to the abolition of nuclear weapons. This would be based upon the rejection of the legitimacy of nuclear weapons both for war-fighting and for deterrence. Nuclear weapons reduction schemes based upon continued belief in the utility of nuclear deterrence should be put aside and replaced by a commitment to achieving total abolition as soon as possible, not delayed to some undefined future date.

The Abolition 2000 movement, composed of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from around the world, has this commitment. We are part of Abolition 2000 and welcome the opportunity to work with other NGOs for nuclear abolition. But we realize that is not a movement that many leading proponents of nuclear abolition, such as retired generals, admirals, and civilian leaders and leaders of religious denominations (with some exceptions), would be comfortable in working with.

The strengths of Abolition 2000 are its deeply committed participants and its network connections among grassroots-oriented organizations. But we note that many of the participating organizations want to bring in other issues beyond abolition of nuclear weapons, such as elimination of nuclear power, opposition to nuclear-powered space vehicles, the disposal of nuclear waste, the threat of war between the United States and Iraq. These are important issues, but many persons concerned primarily with abolition of nuclear weapons

Dear Colleagues:

After a brief delay on my part, I drafted the following outline on what needs to be done in arranging for a Hill news conference of religious leaders on the CTBT. I would like your comments and additions before sending this out to more people in our network with an appropriate covering note. Please reply by e-mail or call me at 301 896-0013.

I leave for Geneva for two weeks on Friday evening, April 24. I'll do what I can in the next ten days to get this news conference set up and find others who will bring it to conclusion.

Shalom,
Howard

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Religious Leaders News Conference on CTBT

Why: To release "A Statement of American Religious Leaders: Ratify the CTBT" and indicate broad support for the CTBT ratification.

To urge prompt hearings on the CTBT and floor action before the session ends.

When: Soon after the Senate completes its action on NATO.

Where: Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing room.
Or alternative?

Who: Protestant: Philip Wogamon, or ELCA Bishop Theodore Schneider, or Thom Fassett
of UM General Board of Church and Society

Catholic: Hallman to confer with Jerry Powers

Peace churches: Joe Volk

Jewish: David Saperstein

Muslim: Mr. Alamoudi

Black churches: Tyrone Pitts, Progressive Baptist National Convention (suggestion added by Hallman)

Invitees: Senators Helms and Biden
Other members of Foreign Relations Committee?

Arrangements and assignments

Confer with Biden's staff, arrange for room: (Hallman, David Culp, Mark Brown's contact)

Invite speakers: Volk talk with Saperstein, Brown with Alamoudi, Hallman with others except Brown talk with Bishop Schneider if he is chosen)

Prepare letter with final list of signers: FCNL

Arrange for press coverage: consultant

Find funds, hire consultant: Hallman, Culp, Volk (?)

Invite senators: to be determined

Other matters (to be completed)

Dear Ms. Malinova:

I have delayed replying to your letter regarding Ambassador Wyzner's remarks at the April 27 reception until I had the final draft of the statement that Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser are issuing prior to the NPT Preparatory Committee meeting. It is attached. We are sending it to foreign ministries of the NPT signatory states with a request that they take the statement's ideas into account in preparing instructions for their delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

We see the reception as a fairly informal event. Dr. Raiser will welcome the delegates to Geneva. At this stage we don't have a text for his remarks, so we cannot speak with absolute authority on what he will say. But we believe he is likely to emphasize that the delegates have a great opportunity to make substantial progress during their two-week session in the quest for the abolition of nuclear weapons. He'll make the moral case for action but probably won't go into great detail on substantive steps, such as those offered in the last paragraphs of the statement. He may pick up the idea that the delegates have a loyalty to humankind that challenges them to go beyond traditional political alliances. Cardinal Danneels will speak second and will offer complementary remarks along the same lines. Although we can't control their time, my guess is that their remarks won't exceed five minutes each.

With this as their approach, we think that Ambassador Wyzner's response could be fairly informal. We would not necessarily expect him to make a formal response to the policy ideas presented in Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's advance statement, though he is welcome to take up these ideas if he chooses. He will be able to offer his expectation of the outcome of the Preparatory Committee session.

The intent of the reception is to help set a positive tone for the NPT Preparatory Committee meeting, to express hope for a constructive outcome, to lift up before the delegates the great opportunity they have for their two-week session to yield important, substantive accomplishments.

If you need further information, please let me know.

Shalom,
Howard W. Hallman

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ACT NOW FOR NUCLEAR ABOLITION

A Statement Addressed to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee

The time has come to rid planet Earth of nuclear weapons -- all of them, everywhere. The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee has a remarkable opportunity at its upcoming meeting to set the course resolutely for the achievement of this goal.

Nuclear weapons, whether used or threatened, are grossly evil and morally wrong. As an instrument of mass destruction, nuclear weapons slaughter the innocent and ravage the

environment. This was quite apparent in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The same result would probably occur in any further use, and indeed would be worse because of the increased destructive power of modern nuclear weapons.

When used as an instrument of deterrence, nuclear weapons hold innocent people hostage for political and military purposes. Therefore, the doctrine of nuclear deterrence is morally corrupt. It loses sight of the inviolable connection between means and end by failing to recognize that just ends cannot be achieved through wrongful means.

During the past 50 years the production and testing of nuclear weapons has proven grievously harmful to individuals and the environment in the vicinity of mining operations, processing plants, production facilities, and test sites. Numerous locales are burdened with lingering radioactivity and deadly waste products that will take decades to clean up. Some sites may never be restored to safe occupancy.

Psalms 24 teaches, "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein." The First Book of Moses, also known as Genesis, indicates that God made Earth available to humankind to till and keep, that is, to use for mutual benefit and to preserve. Because production and use of nuclear weapons causes grave harm to Earth and its inhabitants, we as good stewards of God's Earth have an obligation to rid the world of this perilous threat.

Numerous religious bodies have condemned nuclear weapons and have called for their abolition. Thus, the Sixth Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1983 stated: "We believe that the time has come when the churches must unequivocally declare that the production and deployment as well as the use of nuclear weapons are a crime against humanity and that such activities must be condemned on ethical and theological grounds. Furthermore, we appeal for the institution of a universal covenant to this effect so that nuclear weapons and warfare are delegitimized and condemn as violations of international law."

Speaking for the Holy See before the First Committee of the United Nations General Assembly on October 15, 1997, Archbishop Renato Martino stated: "Nuclear weapons are incompatible with the peace we seek for the 21st century. They cannot be justified. They deserve condemnation. The preservation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty demands an unequivocal commitment to their abolition...This is a moral challenge, a legal challenge and a political challenge. That multiple-based challenge must be met by the application of our humanity."

In principle the nations of Earth agree on the need to eliminate nuclear weapons. Indeed, they have made a strong commitment in Article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) "to the cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament." After reviewing this article at the request of the General Assembly of the United Nations, the International Court of Justice unanimously agreed that "There exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control."

Now is the time to take this obligation seriously. We call upon the members of the NPT Preparatory Committee to make the 1998 session a notable landmark in the journey toward the abolition of all nuclear weapons.

First, we ask the delegates to call resolutely upon the nuclear weapon states to embark upon a series of steps along the road leading to nuclear abolition. There is broad consensus among study commissions, retired generals and admirals, scientists, and other civilian experts on what these steps should be. They include:

- Declare a policy of no first use amongst themselves and non-use in relation to non-nuclear weapon states.
- Cease all research, development, production, and deployment of new nuclear weapons.
- Refrain from modernizing the existing nuclear arsenal and increasing the number of deployed nuclear weapons.
- Take all nuclear forces off alert and remove warheads from delivery vehicles.
- Achieve faster and deeper bilateral reduction of nuclear weapons by the United States and Russia.

It would be appropriate for the NPT Preparatory Committee to require the nuclear weapon states to provide annual progress reports on how they are carrying out such measures.

Second, we ask the delegates to take the lead in commencing the process of developing a nuclear weapons convention to outlaw and abolish all nuclear weapons. One appropriate method would be to establish a working group of the NPT Preparatory Committee for this purpose. Although the nuclear weapons states should be part of this process, other nations need not wait until they are willing to become engaged. Rather as stewards of God's Earth, non-nuclear weapon states can begin the task of developing a nuclear weapons convention that specifies a fair and effective program to abolish all nuclear weapons.

We appeal to delegates to the NPT Preparatory Committee to consider what is best for the whole Earth and its inhabitants when they vote on issues of nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament. Loyalty to all humankind exceeds that of loyalty within political blocs of nations. We urge delegates to act now decisively and courageously for the benefit of all the peoples of Earth.

Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President
Pax Christi International

Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary
World Council of Churches

March 1998

Dear David:

We have received several suggestions for the NGO presenter on the spiritual and ethical perspective. I've conferred with David Robinson (Pax Christi USA) and Clayton Ramey (U.S. FOR), the other two co-conveners of the Religious Working Group. We've concluded that Marie Pierre Bovy is our first choice if she is willing to undertake this assignment.

Would you be willing to ask her in our behalf? (You can just forward this letter to her if that's the easiest way.) If she is willing, we will need to touch base with Felicity Hill, who is coordinating NGO presentations, for the NGO committee is seeking a balance of gender, race, continents, etc. But I expect that Ms. Bovy would be well received.

Her presentation will be one of thirteen by NGO representatives, probably the first one. Ten minutes are allotted for each presentation (that's four to five pages of double-space text). I'm gathering ideas for the content from several sources and will share these ideas with her as suggestions to incorporate into the presentation. The statement by Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser is another source of themes. We would ask her to produce a first draft, which Dave Robinson, Clayton Ramey, and I would comment on. We would also want to show a near-final draft to Felicity Hill.

I don't know whether the NPT PrepCom language will be English only, English and French, or the whole panoply of U.N. languages. Perhaps you know that or could find out. If French is one of the languages and Ms. Bovy would want to speak in her native tongue, we would like to have an English text available.

Although the date for NGO presentations hasn't been determined, Wednesday, April 29 seems a probability. The NGO committee would like all presenters to be in Geneva by Sunday, April 26 if possible so that they can put together a well-orchestrated presentation. But that's not an absolute requirement.

If Marie Pierre Povy is willing to undertake this assignment, please let me know and supply me with her address and phone number so that I can communicate with her directly.

Thanks for your assistance.

Howard

April 2, 1998

His Excellency «Name»

Embassy of «Nation»

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Washington, DC «PostalCode»

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the «Country» delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

In their statement Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser indicate that the NPT Preparatory Committee has an opportunity to set the course for ridding Earth of nuclear weapons. Numerous religious bodies have condemned nuclear weapons and have called for their abolition. The signatories of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty have committed themselves in Article VI to this goal. In interpreting this article, the International Court of Justice has unanimously ruled that "There exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control."

In their specific recommendations Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser ask delegates to the NPT Preparatory Committee to call upon the nuclear weapons states to take a series of steps toward nuclear abolition. These steps include a policy of no-first use, taking all nuclear forces off alert, cessation of research and development of new nuclear weapons, and achieving faster and deeper reduction of nuclear weapons by the United States and Russia. They also ask the delegates to take the lead in developing a nuclear weapons convention to outlaw and abolish all nuclear weapons. This could occur through a working group of the NPT Preparatory Committee.

These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Petrit Bushati
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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Albanian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Ramtane Lamamra
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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Algerian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Lionel A. Hurst
Embassy of Antigua and Barbuda
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Washington, DC 20016

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Antigua and Barbuda delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Antonio Dos Santos
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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Angolan delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Diego Ramiro Guelar
Embassy of Argentina
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Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Argentinan delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Rouben Robert Shugarian
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Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Armenian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Andrew S. Peacock. A.C.
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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Australian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Helmut Tuerk
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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Austrian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Hafiz Mir Jalal Pashayev
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Washington, DC 20038

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Azerbaijan delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Sir Arlington Griffith Butler
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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

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In their specific recommendations Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser ask delegates to the NPT Preparatory Committee to call upon the nuclear weapons states to take a series of steps toward nuclear abolition. These steps include a policy of no-first use, taking all nuclear forces off alert, cessation of research and development of new nuclear weapons, and achieving faster and deeper reduction of nuclear weapons by the United States and Russia. They also ask the delegates to take the lead in developing a nuclear weapons convention to outlaw and abolish all nuclear weapons. This could occur through a working group of the NPT Preparatory Committee.

These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Muhammad Abdul Ghaffar
Embassy of the State of Bahrain
3502 International Drive, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Bahrain delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency K M Shehabuddin
Embassy of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
2201 Wisconsin Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Bangladesh delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Dr. Courtney N. Blackman
Embassy of Barbados
2144 Wyoming Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Barbados delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Valery V. Tsepka
Embassy of the Republic of Belarus
1619 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Belarus delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Andre Adam
Embassy of Belgium
3330 Garfield Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Belgium delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

In their statement Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser indicate that the NPT Preparatory Committee has an opportunity to set the course for ridding Earth of nuclear weapons. Numerous religious bodies have condemned nuclear weapons and have called for their abolition. The signatories of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty have committed themselves in Article VI to this goal. In interpreting this article, the International Court of Justice has unanimously ruled that "There exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control."

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency James S. Murphy
Embassy of Belize
2535 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Belize delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Lucien Tonoukouin
Embassy of the Republic of Benin
2737 Cathedral Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Benin delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Marcelo Perez Monasterios
Embassy of the Republic of Bolivia
3014 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Bolivian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Sven Alkalaj
Embassy of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina
1707 L Street, NW. Suite 760
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Bosnian and Herzegovinan delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Archibald Mooketsa Mogwe
Embassy of the Republic of Botswana
3400 International Drive, NW, Suite 7M
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Botswanan delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Pengiran Anak Dato Puteh
Embassy of the State of Brunei Darussalam
2600 Virginia Avenue, NW, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20037

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Brunei delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

Her Excellency Dr. Snejana Damianova Botoucharova
Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria
1621 22nd Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Madame Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Bulgarian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Bruno Zidouemba
Embassy of Burkina Faso
2340 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Burkina Faso delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

Mr. Henry Simbakwira
Embassy of the Republic of Burundi
2233 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 212
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Mr. Simbakwira:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Burundin delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Huoth VAR
Royal Embassy of Cambodia
4500 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20011

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Cambodian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Jerome Mendouga
Embassy of the Republic of Cameroon
2349 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Cameroon delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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In their specific recommendations Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser ask delegates to the NPT Preparatory Committee to call upon the nuclear weapons states to take a series of steps toward nuclear abolition. These steps include a policy of no-first use, taking all nuclear forces off alert, cessation of research and development of new nuclear weapons, and achieving faster and deeper reduction of nuclear weapons by the United States and Russia. They also ask the delegates to take the lead in developing a nuclear weapons convention to outlaw and abolish all nuclear weapons. This could occur through a working group of the NPT Preparatory Committee.

These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Raymond A. J. Chretien
Embassy of Canada
501 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Canadian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

Mr. Manuel de Matos
Embassy of the Republic of Cape Verde
3415 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Mr. de Matos:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Cape Verde delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Henry Koba
Embassy of Central African Republic
1618 22nd Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Central African Republic delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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In their specific recommendations Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser ask delegates to the NPT Preparatory Committee to call upon the nuclear weapons states to take a series of steps toward nuclear abolition. These steps include a policy of no-first use, taking all nuclear forces off alert, cessation of research and development of new nuclear weapons, and achieving faster and deeper reduction of nuclear weapons by the United States and Russia. They also ask the delegates to take the lead in developing a nuclear weapons convention to outlaw and abolish all nuclear weapons. This could occur through a working group of the NPT Preparatory Committee.

These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Ahmat Mahamat-Saleh
Embassy of the Republic of Chad
2002 R Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Chad delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

In their statement Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser indicate that the NPT Preparatory Committee has an opportunity to set the course for ridding Earth of nuclear weapons. Numerous religious bodies have condemned nuclear weapons and have called for their abolition. The signatories of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty have committed themselves in Article VI to this goal. In interpreting this article, the International Court of Justice has unanimously ruled that "There exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control."

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency John Biehl
Embassy of Chile
1732 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Chilean delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency L I Daoyu
Embassy of the People's Republic of China
2300 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Chinese delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Juan Carols Esguerra
Embassy of Colombia
2118 Leroy Place
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Colombian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

Mr. Jean Alain Backoulas
Embassy of the Republic of Congo
4891 Colorado Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20011

Dear Mr. Backoulas:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Republic of Congo delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

Mr. Jose Thompson
Embassy of Costa Rica
2114 S Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Thompson:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Costa Rican delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Koffi Moise Koumour
Embassy of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire
2424 Massachusetts Avenue,, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Cote d'Ivoire delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Miomir Zuzul
Embassy of the Republic of Croatia
2343 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Croatian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Andros A. Nicolaides
Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus
2211 R Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Cyprus delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Alexandra Vondra
Embassy of the Czech Republic
3900 Spring of Freedom Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Czech Republic delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency K. Erik Tygesen
Royal Danish Embassy
3200 Whitehaven Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Denmark delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Roble Olhaye
Embassy of Djibouti
1156 15th Street, NW, Suite 515
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Djibouti delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Edward Irving Watty
Embassy of the Commonwealth of Dominica
3216 New Mexico Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20016

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Dominican delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Bernardo Vega
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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Alberto F. Maspons
Embassy of Ecuador
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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Ecuador delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

In their statement Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser indicate that the NPT Preparatory Committee has an opportunity to set the course for ridding Earth of nuclear weapons. Numerous religious bodies have condemned nuclear weapons and have called for their abolition. The signatories of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty have committed themselves in Article VI to this goal. In interpreting this article, the International Court of Justice has unanimously ruled that "There exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control."

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Ahmed Maher El Sayed
Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt
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Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Egyptian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Rene A. Leon
Embassy of El Salvador
2308 California Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the El Salvador delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Pastor Micha Ondo Bile
Embassy of Equatorial Guinea
1511 K Street, NW, Suite 405
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Equatorial Guinea delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Semere Russom
Embassy of the State of Eritrea
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Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Eritrea delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Grigore Kalev Stoicescu
Embassy of Estonia
2131 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Estonian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Berhane Gebre-Christos
Embassy of Ethiopia
2134 Kalorama Road, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Ethiopian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Napolione Masirewa
Embassy of Fiji
2233 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 240
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Fiji delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Jaakko Laajava
Embassy of Finland
3301 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Finnish delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Francois V. Bujon
Embassy of France
4101 Reservoir Road, NW
Washington, DC 20007

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Paul Bunduku-Latha
Embassy of the Gabonese Republic
2034 20th Street, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Gabonese delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Crispin Grey-Johnson
Embassy of The Gambia
1144 15th Street, NW, Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Gambian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Dr. Tedo Japaridze
Embassy of the Republic of Georgia
1511 K Street, NW, Suite 424
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Georgian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Juergen Chrobog
Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany
4645 Reservoir Road, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the German delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Kobina Arthur Koomsom
Embassy of Ghana
3512 International Drive, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Loucas Tsilas
Embassy of Greece
2221 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Denis G. Antoine
Embassy of Grenada
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Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Grenada delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Pedro Miguel Lamport
Embassy of Guatemala
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Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Guatemalan delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Mohamed aly Thiam
Embassy of the Republic of Guinea
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Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Guinean delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Ruffino Jose Mendes
Embassy of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau
1511 K Street, NW, Suite 519
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Guinea-Bissau delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Dr. Mohammed Ali Odeen Ishmael
Embassy of Guyana
2490 Tracy Place, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Guyanan delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

Mr. Louis Harold Joseph
Embassy of the Republic of Haiti
2311 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Joseph:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Haitian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Roberto Flores Bermudez
Embassy of Honduras
3007 Tilden Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Honduran delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Gyorgy Banlaki
Embassy of the Republic of Hungary
3910 Shoemaker Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

Mr. Sveinn Bjornsson
Embassy of the Republic of Iceland
1156 15th Street, NW, Suite 1200
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Bjornsson:

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

Mr. Nazaruddin Nasution
Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia
202 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Nasution:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Indonesian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Sean O'Huiginn
Embassy of Ireland
2234 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Ferdinando Salleo
Embassy of Italy
1601 Fuller Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Italian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Richard Leighton Bernal
Embassy of Jamaica
1520 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Jamaican delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Kunihiro Saito
Embassy of Japan
2520 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Japanese delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Marwan Jamil Muasher
Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
3504 International Drive, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Bolat K. Nurgaliyev
Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan
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Washington, DC 20007

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

Mr. Matthew K. M'Ithiri
Embassy of the Republic of Kenya
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Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. M'Ithiri:

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Kun Woo Park
Embassy of the Republic of Korea
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Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Korean delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Mohammed Sabah Al-Salim Al-Sabah
Embassy of the State of Kuwait
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Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Kuwait delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Baktybek Abdrissaev
Embassy of the Kyrgyz Republic
1732 Wisconsin Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Kyrgyzstan delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Hiem Phommachanh
Embassy of the Lao People's Democratic Republic
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Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Laotian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Ojars Eriks Kalnins
Embassy of Latvia
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Washington, DC 20011

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Latvian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Dr. Mohamad Bahaa Chatah
Embassy of Lebanon
2560 28th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Lebanese delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

Her Excellency Dr. Eunice M. Bulane
Embassy of the Kingdom of Lesotho
2511 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Madame Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Lesotho delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

Her Excellency Rachel Diggs
Embassy of the Republic of Liberia
5201 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20011

Dear Madame Ambassador:

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Stasys Sakalauskas
Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania
2622 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Lithuanian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Alphonse Berns
Embassy of the Grand Ducy of Luxembourg
2200 Massachuestts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

Mr. Biclair Henri Andrianantoandro
Embassy of the Republic of Madagascar
2374 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Andrianantoandro:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Madagascar delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Willie Chokani
Embassy of Makawu
2408 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Malawi delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Dato Dali Mahmud Hashim
Embassy of Malaysia
2401 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Malaysian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Cheick Oumar Diarra
Embassy of the Republic of Mali
2130 R Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Mali delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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In their specific recommendations Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser ask delegates to the NPT Preparatory Committee to call upon the nuclear weapons states to take a series of steps toward nuclear abolition. These steps include a policy of no-first use, taking all nuclear forces off alert, cessation of research and development of new nuclear weapons, and achieving faster and deeper reduction of nuclear weapons by the United States and Russia. They also ask the delegates to take the lead in developing a nuclear weapons convention to outlaw and abolish all nuclear weapons. This could occur through a working group of the NPT Preparatory Committee.

These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Mark Anthony Micallef
Embassy of Malta
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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Maltese delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Banny De Brum
Embassy of the Republic of the Marshall Islands
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Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Marshall Islands delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Ahmed Ould Sid Ahmed
Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania
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Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Mauritanian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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In their specific recommendations Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser ask delegates to the NPT Preparatory Committee to call upon the nuclear weapons states to take a series of steps toward nuclear abolition. These steps include a policy of no-first use, taking all nuclear forces off alert, cessation of research and development of new nuclear weapons, and achieving faster and deeper reduction of nuclear weapons by the United States and Russia. They also ask the delegates to take the lead in developing a nuclear weapons convention to outlaw and abolish all nuclear weapons. This could occur through a working group of the NPT Preparatory Committee.

These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Chitmansing Jesseramsing
Embassy of Republic of Mauritius
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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Mauritius delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Jesus Reyes Heróles
Embassy of Mexico
1911 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Mexican delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

In their statement Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser indicate that the NPT Preparatory Committee has an opportunity to set the course for ridding Earth of nuclear weapons. Numerous religious bodies have condemned nuclear weapons and have called for their abolition. The signatories of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty have committed themselves in Article VI to this goal. In interpreting this article, the International Court of Justice has unanimously ruled that "There exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control."

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Jesse Bibiano Marehalau
Embassy of the Federated States of Micronesia
1725 N Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Micronesian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Nicolae Tau
Embassy of the Republic of Moldova
2101 S Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Moldovan delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Jalbuu Choinhor
Embassy of Mongolia
22833 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Mongolian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Mohamed Benaissa
Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco
1601 21st Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Morocco delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Marcos G. Namashulua
Embassy of the Republic of Mozambique
1990 M Street, NW, Suite 570
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Mozambique delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Veiccoh K. Nghiwete
Embassy of the Republic of Namibia
1605 New Hampshire, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Namibian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

Mr. Lava Kumar Devacotta
Royal Nepalese Embassy
2121 Leroy Place, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Devacotta:

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Joris M. Vos
Royal Netherlands Embassy
4200 Linnean Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Netherlands delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency L. John Wood
Embassy of New Zealand
27 Observatory Circle, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the New Zealand delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Francisco Javier Aguirre Sacasa
Embassy of Nicaragua
1627 New Hampshire, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Nicaraguan delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Joseph Diatta
Embassy of the Republic of Niger
2204 R Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Dr. Wakili Hassan Adamu
Embassy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
1333 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Tom Eric Vraalsen
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Washington, DC 20008

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Abdulla Moh'd Aqeel Al Dhahab
Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman
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Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Oman delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Hersey Kyota
Embassy of the Republic of Palau
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Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Palau delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Eduardo Morgan Gonzalez
Embassy of the Republic of Panama
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Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Panama delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Nagora Y. Bogan
Embassy of Papua New Guinea
1615 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, 3rd Floor
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Papua New Guinea delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Jorge G. Prieto
Embassy of Paraguay
2400 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Paraguay delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Dr. Ricardo V. Luna
Embassy of Peru
1700 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Peruvian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Raul Chaves Rabe
Embassy of the Phillipines
1600 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Jerzy Kozminski
Embassy of the Republic of Poland
2630 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Polish delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Fernando Adresen Guimaraes
Embassy of Portugal
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Washington, DC 20008

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Saad Mohamed Al Kobaisi
Embassy of the State of Qatar
4200 Wisconsin Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20016

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Qatar delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Mircea Dan Geonana
Embassy of Romania
1607 23rd Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Romanian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Yuli M. Vorontsov
Embassy of the Russian Federation
2650 Wisconsin Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Russian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Theogene N. Rudasingwa
Embassy of the Republic of Rwanda
11714 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Rwandan delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Dr. Osbert W. Liburd
Embassy of Saint Kitts and Nevis
3216 New Mexico Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20016

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

Mrs. Juliet Elaine Mallet Phillip
Embassy of Saint Lucia
3216 New Mexico Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20016

Dear Mrs. Phillip:

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Kingsley Cuthbert Augustine Layne
Embassy of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
216 New Mexico Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20016

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Royal Highness Prince Bandar Bin Sultan
Embassy of Saudi Arabia
601 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20037

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Saudi Arabian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Mamadou Mansour Seck
Embassy of the Republic of Senegal
2112 Wyoming Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Senegal delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency John Ernest Leigh
Embassy of Sierra Leone
1701 19th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Sierra Leone delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

Her Excellency Heng-Chee Chan
Embassy of the Republic of Singapore
3501 International Place, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Madame Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Singapore delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Branislav Lichardus
Embassy of the Slovak Republic
2201 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 250
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Slovak delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Dr. Dimitrij Rupel
Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia
1525 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Slovenian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Franklin Sonn
Embassy of the Republic of South Africa
3051 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the South African delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Antonio Oyarzabal
Embassy of Spain
2375 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20037

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Spanish delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Warnasena Rasaputram
Embassy of Sri Lanka
2148 Wyoming Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Sri Lankan delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Mahdi Ibrahim Mohamed
Embassy of the Republic of the Sudan
2210 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Sudanese delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Arnold T. Halfhide
Embassy of the Republic of Suriname
4301 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 460
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Suriname delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

Her Excellency Mary M. Kanya
Embassy of the Kingdom of Swaziland
3400 International Drive, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Madame Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Swaziland delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Rolf Ekeus
Embassy of Sweden
1501 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Swedish delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Alfred Defago
Embassy of Switzerland
2900 Cathedral Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

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In their specific recommendations Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser ask delegates to the NPT Preparatory Committee to call upon the nuclear weapons states to take a series of steps toward nuclear abolition. These steps include a policy of no-first use, taking all nuclear forces off alert, cessation of research and development of new nuclear weapons, and achieving faster and deeper reduction of nuclear weapons by the United States and Russia. They also ask the delegates to take the lead in developing a nuclear weapons convention to outlaw and abolish all nuclear weapons. This could occur through a working group of the NPT Preparatory Committee.

These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Walid Al-Moualem
Embassy of the Syrian Arab Republic
2215 Wyoming Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Syrian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

In their statement Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser indicate that the NPT Preparatory Committee has an opportunity to set the course for ridding Earth of nuclear weapons. Numerous religious bodies have condemned nuclear weapons and have called for their abolition. The signatories of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty have committed themselves in Article VI to this goal. In interpreting this article, the International Court of Justice has unanimously ruled that "There exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control."

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Mustafa Salim Nyang'anyi
Embassy of the United Republic of Tanzania
2139 R Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Tanzanian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

In their statement Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser indicate that the NPT Preparatory Committee has an opportunity to set the course for ridding Earth of nuclear weapons. Numerous religious bodies have condemned nuclear weapons and have called for their abolition. The signatories of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty have committed themselves in Article VI to this goal. In interpreting this article, the International Court of Justice has unanimously ruled that "There exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control."

In their specific recommendations Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser ask delegates to the NPT Preparatory Committee to call upon the nuclear weapons states to take a series of steps toward nuclear abolition. These steps include a policy of no-first use, taking all nuclear forces off alert, cessation of research and development of new nuclear weapons, and achieving faster and deeper reduction of nuclear weapons by the United States and Russia. They also ask the delegates to take the lead in developing a nuclear weapons convention to outlaw and abolish all nuclear weapons. This could occur through a working group of the NPT Preparatory Committee.

These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Nitya Pibulsonggram
Royal Thai Embassy
102 Wisconsin Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Thai delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

In their statement Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser indicate that the NPT Preparatory Committee has an opportunity to set the course for ridding Earth of nuclear weapons. Numerous religious bodies have condemned nuclear weapons and have called for their abolition. The signatories of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty have committed themselves in Article VI to this goal. In interpreting this article, the International Court of Justice has unanimously ruled that "There exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control."

In their specific recommendations Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser ask delegates to the NPT Preparatory Committee to call upon the nuclear weapons states to take a series of steps toward nuclear abolition. These steps include a policy of no-first use, taking all nuclear forces off alert, cessation of research and development of new nuclear weapons, and achieving faster and deeper reduction of nuclear weapons by the United States and Russia. They also ask the delegates to take the lead in developing a nuclear weapons convention to outlaw and abolish all nuclear weapons. This could occur through a working group of the NPT Preparatory Committee.

These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Kossivi Osseyi
Embassy of the Republic of Togo
2208 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Togo delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

In their statement Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser indicate that the NPT Preparatory Committee has an opportunity to set the course for ridding Earth of nuclear weapons. Numerous religious bodies have condemned nuclear weapons and have called for their abolition. The signatories of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty have committed themselves in Article VI to this goal. In interpreting this article, the International Court of Justice has unanimously ruled that "There exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control."

In their specific recommendations Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser ask delegates to the NPT Preparatory Committee to call upon the nuclear weapons states to take a series of steps toward nuclear abolition. These steps include a policy of no-first use, taking all nuclear forces off alert, cessation of research and development of new nuclear weapons, and achieving faster and deeper reduction of nuclear weapons by the United States and Russia. They also ask the delegates to take the lead in developing a nuclear weapons convention to outlaw and abolish all nuclear weapons. This could occur through a working group of the NPT Preparatory Committee.

These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Michael Arneaud
Embassy of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
1708 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Trinidad and Tobago delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

In their statement Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser indicate that the NPT Preparatory Committee has an opportunity to set the course for ridding Earth of nuclear weapons. Numerous religious bodies have condemned nuclear weapons and have called for their abolition. The signatories of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty have committed themselves in Article VI to this goal. In interpreting this article, the International Court of Justice has unanimously ruled that "There exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control."

In their specific recommendations Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser ask delegates to the NPT Preparatory Committee to call upon the nuclear weapons states to take a series of steps toward nuclear abolition. These steps include a policy of no-first use, taking all nuclear forces off alert, cessation of research and development of new nuclear weapons, and achieving faster and deeper reduction of nuclear weapons by the United States and Russia. They also ask the delegates to take the lead in developing a nuclear weapons convention to outlaw and abolish all nuclear weapons. This could occur through a working group of the NPT Preparatory Committee.

These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Nouredine Mejdoub
Embassy of Tunisia
1515 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Tunisian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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In their specific recommendations Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser ask delegates to the NPT Preparatory Committee to call upon the nuclear weapons states to take a series of steps toward nuclear abolition. These steps include a policy of no-first use, taking all nuclear forces off alert, cessation of research and development of new nuclear weapons, and achieving faster and deeper reduction of nuclear weapons by the United States and Russia. They also ask the delegates to take the lead in developing a nuclear weapons convention to outlaw and abolish all nuclear weapons. This could occur through a working group of the NPT Preparatory Committee.

These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Nuzhet Kandemir
Embassy of the Republic of Turkey
1714 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Turkish delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

In their statement Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser indicate that the NPT Preparatory Committee has an opportunity to set the course for ridding Earth of nuclear weapons. Numerous religious bodies have condemned nuclear weapons and have called for their abolition. The signatories of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty have committed themselves in Article VI to this goal. In interpreting this article, the International Court of Justice has unanimously ruled that "There exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control."

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Halil Ugur
Embassy of Turkmenistan
2207 Massachusetts Avenue,, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Turkmenistan delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

Her Excellency Edith Grace Ssempala
Embassy of the Republic of Uganda
5911 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20011

Dear Madame Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Ugandan delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Yuri M. Shcherbak
Embassy of Ukraine
3350 N Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Ukraine delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Mohammad Bin Hussain Al-Shaali
Embassy of the United Arab Emirates
1255 22nd Street, NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20037

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the United Arab Emirates delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Christopher Meyer
British Embassy
3100 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the British delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Dr. Alvaro Mario Diez de Medina
Embassy of Uruguay
2715 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Uruguay delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Sodiq Safaev
Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan
1746 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Uzbekistan delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

In their statement Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser indicate that the NPT Preparatory Committee has an opportunity to set the course for ridding Earth of nuclear weapons. Numerous religious bodies have condemned nuclear weapons and have called for their abolition. The signatories of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty have committed themselves in Article VI to this goal. In interpreting this article, the International Court of Justice has unanimously ruled that "There exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control."

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Pedro Luis Echeverria
Embassy of the Republic of Venezuela
1099 30th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Venezuelan delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Bang Le
Embassy of Vietnam
1233 20th Street, NW, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Abdulwahab A. Al-Hajjri
Embassy of the Republic of Yemen
2600 Virginia Avenue, NW, Suite 705
Washington, DC 20037

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Yemen delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Nebojsa Vujovic
Embassy of Yugoslavia
2410 California Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Yugoslavian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Dunstan Weston Kamana
Embassy of the Republic of Zambia
2419 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Zambian delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Amos Benard Muvengwa Midzi
Embassy of the Republic of Zimbabwe
1608 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Zimbabwe delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

His Excellency Mr. Tambo A. Kabila Mukendi
Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Congo
1800 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We would like to share with you a statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, President of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The statement addresses issues that will come before the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee when it meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. Therefore, we ask that you transmit this statement to your foreign ministry so that Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas can be taken into consideration in devising instructions for the Democratic Republic of Congo delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee.

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These are significant proposals. We hope that your government will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 2, 1998

The Honorable Madelaine K. Albright
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Albright:

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These are significant proposals. We hope that the United States will support them when the NPT Preparatory Committee meets in Geneva.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 3, 1998

Ms. Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne:

Here is my latest communication to President Clinton on nuclear abolition. It contains a statement "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition" by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, president of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, addressed to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee.

The NPT Preparatory Committee meets from April 27 to May 8 in Geneva. There will be a strong presence of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), pushing the Preparatory Committee to set up a working group to commence developing a nuclear weapons convention that would outlaw and abolish nuclear weapons.

I wish President Clinton would be open to this opportunity. Otherwise, it may be like the land mines issue where NGOs and middle power governments push ahead for international action on disarmament and the U.S. government resists. We should be the leader for peace rather always defending the preservation of instruments of war.

Shalom,

Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Methodists United for Peace with Justice
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April 3, 1998

To: Dave Robinson

Fax: 814 452-4784

No. of pages: 4

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: Danneels/Raiser Statement

Dear Dave:

I have now sent the statement of Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser to the ambassadors in Washington from the NPT signatory states. I wasn't able to find a mailing list of foreign ministers or heads of state at their capitals, so I decided to ask the ambassadors to the U.S. to transmit the statement to their foreign ministries for consideration. A sample letter is attached.

I've also sent the statement to President Clinton (attn: "Sandy" Berger), Secretary of State Madalaine Albright, Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbot. and John Holum, Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

I will be sending it to regional and selected national councils of churches for endorsement and also to the World Conference on Religion and Peace with a request to circulate the statement to world leaders in different faiths for their endorsement. I hope that you will go ahead through Pax Christi International and obtain endorsement from Catholic bishops around the world.

I will also post the statement on abolition-caucus.

Shalom,

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April 3, 1998

To: Clayton Ramey

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From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

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Shalom,

April 4, 1998

Ms. Judith Crimmins, National Administrator
Conference of Churches in Aotearoa New Zealand
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Auckland, Aotearoa New Zealand

Dear Ms. Crimmins:

As co-convener of the Religious Working Group for Nuclear Abolition, I want to share with you the enclosed statement on "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, and Godfried Cardinal Danneels, president of Pax Christi International. It is addressed to delegates of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee, which meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. The statement makes the religious and moral case for abolition of nuclear weapons and offers ideas on how the NPT Preparatory Committee can make progress toward that objective.

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We have sent this statement to the foreign ministry of all the NPT signatory states. We ask you to send a copy to the head of your government or foreign minister and ask that the New Zealand delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee be supportive of the recommendations offered in the statement. We would appreciate your asking your member churches to likewise contact your government.

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With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convener

April 4, 1998

Rev. Rua Rakena, Convenor
Maori Council of Churches in Aotearoa
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Dear Rev. Rakena:

As co-convenor of the Religious Working Group for Nuclear Abolition, I want to share with you the enclosed statement on "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, and Godfried Cardinal Danneels, president of Pax Christi International. It is addressed to delegates of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee, which meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. The statement makes the religious and moral case for abolition of nuclear weapons and offers ideas on how the NPT Preparatory Committee can make progress toward that objective.

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Co-Convenor

April 4, 1998

Superintendent Helmut Nausner,
Ecumenical Council of Churches in Austria
Severin-Schrieber-Gasse 3
A-1180 Vienna, Austria

Dear Superintendent Nausner:

As co-convenor of the Religious Working Group for Nuclear Abolition, I want to share with you the enclosed statement on "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, and Godfried Cardinal Danneels, president of Pax Christi International. It is addressed to delegates of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee, which meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. The statement makes the religious and moral case for abolition of nuclear weapons and offers ideas on how the NPT Preparatory Committee can make progress toward that objective.

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Co-Convenor

April 4, 1998

Mrs. Nadeje Madysova, General Secretary
Ecomenical Council of Churches in Czech Republic
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CZ-10100 Prague 10, Czech Republic

Dear Mrs. Madysova:

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Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convenor

April 4, 1998

Rev. Holger Lam, General Secretary
Ecumenical Council of Denmark
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DK-2100 Copenhagen O, Denmark

Dear Rev. Lam:

As co-convenor of the Religious Working Group for Nuclear Abolition, I want to share with you the enclosed statement on "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, and Godfried Cardinal Danneels, president of Pax Christi International. It is addressed to delegates of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee, which meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. The statement makes the religious and moral case for abolition of nuclear weapons and offers ideas on how the NPT Preparatory Committee can make progress toward that objective.

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With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convenor

April 4, 1998

General Secretary
Estonian Council of Churches
Tehnika 115
Tallinn EE-0001, Estonia

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With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convenor

April 4, 1998

Pastor Jan Edstrom, General Secretary
Finnish Ecumenical Council
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FIN-00161 Helsinki 16, Finland

Dear Pastor Edstrom:

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Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convenor

April 4, 1998

Pasteur Christian Seytre, Secretary General
Federation protestante de France
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F-750009 Paris, France

Dear Pasteur Seytre:

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With best regards,

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April 4, 1998

Pastor Martin Lange, Sekretar
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Rev. Dr. Zolton Bona, General Secretary
Ecumenical Council of Churches in Hungary
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H-1026 Budapest, Hungary

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National Council of Churches in Lithuania
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Kankas, Lithuania

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Mexico 06.001, D.F., Mexico

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Christian Council of Norway
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Council of Free Churches
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Mr. Andrzej Wojtowicz, General Secretary
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ul. Willowa 1
PL-00 790 Warsaw, Poland

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Rev. Miriam Valente, General Secretary
Portuguese Council of Christian Churches
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Ecumenical Association of Churches in Romania
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With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Co-Convenor

April 4, 1998

Mr. Anton Metelko, General Secretary
Council of Christian Churches in Slovenia
Dunajska 5
SL-1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

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April 4, 1998

Ms. Brigalia Bam, General Secretary
South African Council of Churches
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Marshalltown, P.O. Box 4921
Johannesburg 2000, South Africa

Dear Ms. Bam:

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Mr. Gabriel Amat, Executive Secretary
Comite Espanol de Cooperacion entre las Iglesias
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E-08201 Sabadell, Spain

Dear Mr. Amat:

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April 4, 1998

Rev. Thord-Ove Thordson, General Secretary
Christian Council of Sweden
Lastmakargatan 18, Box 1764
S-111 87 Stockholm, Sweden

Dear Rev. Thordson:

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Rev. Tord Strom,
Council of Free Churches
Box 1770
S-111 87 Stockholm, Sweden

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General Secretary
Arbeitsgemeinschaft Christlicher Kirchen in der Schweiz
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Rev. Maxwell Craig, General Secretary
Action of Churches together in Scotland
Scottish Churches House
GB-Dublane, Perthshire FK15 0AJ, Scotland

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Inter-Church House, 35-41 Lower Marsh
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Cytun - Churches Together in Wales
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GB- Swansea, W. Glamorgan SA1 4AP, Wales

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Rev. Gethin Abraham-Williams, General Secretary
Commission of the Covenanted Churches in Wales
Woodland Place, Penarth
GB-South Clam. CF6 2EX, Wales

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April 4, 1998

Dr. R. David Stevens, General Secretary
Irish Council of Churches
Inter-Church Centre, 48 Elmwood Avenue
GB-Belfast, BT9 6AZ, Ireland

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April 6, 1998

To: Canon Clement Janda
All Africa Conference of Churches

Fax: 011 254 2 443 241

No. of pages: 3

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: Statement on Nuclear Abolition

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We are seeking additional signers of the statement. Would you be willing to sign? Would you be willing to circulate the statement among members of the All Africa Conference of Churches and request them to sign? For each signer we want to know title (Rev., Dr., etc.), name, organizational title (such as general secretary), name of organization, mailing address, telephone, fax number, and e-mail address.

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With best regards,

April 6, 1998

To: Rev. Felipe Adolf
Consejo Latinoamericano de Iglesias

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No. of pages: 3

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

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To: Rev. Valamotu Palu
Pacific Conference of Churches

Fax: 011 679 303 205

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April 7, 1998

To: Dr. Joan Brown Campbell
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No. of pages: 3

From: Howard W. Hallman Co-Convener

Phone/fax: 301 896-0013

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April 6, 1998

To: Jim Matlack

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No. of pages: 3

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: April 8 meeting on CTBT

Dear Jim:

The next meeting for religious organizations working together for CTBT ratification will occur on Wednesday, April 8 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at the Friends Committee on National Legislation conference room 245 2nd Street, NE, Washington, DC. We will ask for reports on what each organization is doing, and we will look ahead to what needs doing in the next couple of months. If you can't attend, would you please send me a summary of your activities to share with others?

The immediate challenges are (1) to get Senator Helms to schedule hearings on the CTBT by the Foreign Relations Committee and (2) to get Senator Lott to place the CTBT on the Senate's work program for this session. To influence Helms we need to sustain and increase our efforts to persuade six swing-vote senators on the Foreign Relations Committee to come out in favor of ratification, or at least to ask for committee hearings. They are Frist (TN), Lugar (IN), Hagel (NE), Brownback (KS), Thomas (WY), and Smith (OR). So please keep up your efforts in those states.

We are also trying to get state and local religious leaders to sign "A Statement by American Religious Leaders: Ratify the CTBT." If you haven't done so yet, please circulate it to your network -- at least in the six key states, but wider if you can. For the latest list of national signers, contact Bridget Moix at FCNL (202 547-6000).

For your background on the broader CTBT grassroots campaign, I am attaching a report from Bob Tiller.

Shalom,
Howard

Dear CTBT grassroots group,

We had an excellent meeting on March 19th! To those of you who missed it, you should have been there---we had a lot of energy flowing.

Why did we have such a good meeting, you may ask? Because we started by asking the question: where do we want to be a month from now? We then listed about 15 things that we want to accomplish over the next month, and prioritized them. Some of the goals/tasks are already underway, others we identified as high or low priority. Many people took specific responsibilities.

The next meeting will be as follows. Please put it on your calendar:

date --- Thursday, April 16th

time --- 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

place --- FCNL, 245 2nd Street N.E.

My notes from March 19th follow.

Where do we want to be a month from now? We agreed that the filter through which we would look at each proposal would be whether it helps to move us toward SFRC action (especially hearings) on CTBT. We previously identified about a dozen Tier 1 and Tier 2 swing Senators.

1. Present a national religious leaders statement to Helms and Biden, also state religious leaders statement to other Senators. This is UNDERWAY (Howard Hallman).
2. Letters to target Senators from a cross-section of leaders in state, the "Maine style" approach. This is a HIGH PRIORITY for us. We will ask all DC people who are serving as contacts for the state contact people to initiate this. Kathy Crandall will call the DC contacts.
3. More calls and letters to target Senators from grassroots individuals. This is a HIGH PRIORITY. See phone bank, #11 below.
4. 50 more NGOs endorse CTBT. We all have assignments from Daryl and we need to make our calls.
5. Web page for CTBT grassroots work up This is UNDERWAY, as part of PSR's web site, found at www.psr.org --- Kathy Crandall will be responsible for getting items on it.
6. 2 more state polls on CTBT. This is underway (Daryl Kimball).
7. Professors letter on CTBT. This is UNDERWAY (Daryl Kimball).
8. White House "walk-by event" with heads of organizations. Efforts to set this up are UNDERWAY (Daryl Kimball).
9. Scientists letter on CTBT. This is UNDERWAY (Michael Pancook).

10. Every Tier 1 and Tier 2 Senator visited by constituents during Easter recess. This is a HIGH PRIORITY and we need to press our state people to seek appointments. The DC contacts should be especially active in asking the state contacts to do this.

11. Phone bank, calling constituents in target states, especially those who received the latest postcard. This is a HIGH PRIORITY, and Bridget Moix will set it up --- call her for details. We decided that we would not set a specific date for constituents to call in.

12. At least 10 op-eds and editorials in major newspapers. Daryl Kimball and Bill Eisenstein will coordinate. All of us are welcome to write op-eds for circulation.

13. At least 20 letters to the editor. This will be a low priority for us, but we encourage 20/20 to keep up the good work.

14. At least 10 city council resolution passed. Kathy Crandall will pull together samples for distribution. This is a low priority for our work because it really needs one-on-one contacts and local initiative.

15. Five Republican Senators put out a letter urging Helms to hold hearings.

We will meet again on April 16th. Come with your ideas for what we should accomplish in the following month.

Shalom,

Bob Tiller

April 8, 1998

Mr. Stewart R. Mott
122 Maryland Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. Mott:

Working through the Religious Working Group for Nuclear Abolition, we are helping mobilize the world religious community to influence the outcome of the forthcoming meeting of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee. We are seeking \$2,500 to pay the costs related to our involvement in activities in Geneva during the two-week session that runs from April 27 to May 8. We kindly ask you for a contribution to cover some or all of that amount.

In preparation for the NPT Preparatory Committee we have developed the enclosed statement entitled "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, and Godfried Cardinal Danneels, president of Pax Christi International. It is addressed to delegates and urges them to take decisive action out of their loyalty to humankind. We are in the process inviting other religious leaders around the world, including persons of other faiths, to sign this statement.

For the opening evening of the NPT Preparatory Committee, April 27, we have organized a reception, to be hosted by Dr. Raiser and Cardinal Danneels, in honor of Polish Ambassador Eugeniusz Wyzner, chair-designate of the Preparatory Committee, and the other delegates. Dr. Raiser and Cardinal Danneels will make welcoming remarks at the reception, emphasizing the opportunity the delegates will have to make substantial progress in the quest for nuclear abolition during their two-week session. Ambassador Wyzner has agreed to respond. In addition to the delegates, we are inviting representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to the reception so that they may have an opportunity to mingle with the delegates and offer their ideas on what the Preparatory Committee can accomplish. We are requesting several religious denominations to contribute to paying the costs of the reception, and we are over halfway to our goal.

Mr. Stewart R. Mott
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In response to a request from an NGO coalition, Ambassador Wyzner has agreed that NGO representatives may address the delegates directly, probably on the third day of the session. An NGO committee has selected 13 topics to be covered in the three-hour session. Our Religious Working Group has the responsibility for developing the message and providing the speaker for the opening presentation on spiritual and ethical values that undergird the quest for nuclear abolition.

Thus, we are carrying out three activities aimed at influencing the outcome of the NPT Preparatory Committee: the statement, the reception, and the presentation to delegates. To bring these activities to fruition, I plan to arrive in Geneva on April 25 and stay through the two-week session. I will join other NGO representatives in lobbying the delegates.

In this work related to the NPT Preparatory Committee, I am serving as an unpaid volunteer. The \$2,500 we are seeking is for cost of transportation, hotel, meals, and incidental expenses in Geneva. In trying to raise this amount, we were turned down by a couple of foundations. Knowing of your generosity in support of peace activities, we turn to you with this request for financial support. Your contribution can be made payable to the Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) entity.

If you or one of your associates want further information on our request, please give me a call at 301 896-0013.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Meeting of Religious Organizations Working for CTBT Ratifications

1:00 to 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 8, 1998

Conference Room, Friends Committee on National Legislation
245 Second Street, NE, Washington, DC

Proposed Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Senate outlook
3. Activity reports from religious organizations
4. Religious leaders' statement
 - a. Number of signers
 - b. Presentation to Senate leadership
5. Future activities
 - a. Target states
 - i. April-May
 - ii. June-July
 - b. Activities
 - i. Grassroots outreach
 - ii. Organizational alerts
 - iii. Joint postcard
 - iv. Websites
 - v. State, area denominational conferences, sessions
 - vi. Other
6. Other matters

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 13, 1:00 to 2:30, FCNL Conference Room

Dear Sally:

I'm slow in replying to your message of March 31 because I've been busy with the CTBT campaign and getting ready for the upcoming NPT Preparatory Committee. Also, I wanted to organize my thinking on a long-range approach for involving the religious community more fully in the quest for nuclear abolition. Thus, I am giving you a longer reply, and perhaps more rambling, than you may have expected. You can share my thoughts with Bill Hoehn if you want, or have me send him a copy.

Regarding your specific inquiry, I can report that Senator Cranston tried to get together with me on February 23 when he was in Washington, but that was the day I was returning from Geneva where I participated in NGO planning for the NPT PrepCom session. I reached him by phone in California the next day, and he indicated that he was interested in pursuing ways to involve the religious community. I haven't heard from him since, and I haven't followed through with him.

Through other sources I am aware that Alan Geyer is working with Robert McNamara to develop a statement for religious leaders, presumably comparable to that of generals and admirals and the civilian leaders. Geyer was a principal consultant to the United Methodist Council of Bishops when they wrote their 1986 pastoral letter and foundation document that said "no" to nuclear disarmament. He was then a professor at Wesley Theological Seminary in D.C. and is now associated with the Washington National Cathedral. I intend to talk with Geyer to find out more about what he is doing.

Engagement in Policy-making Processes

I believe that statements are fine (and have one to suggest), but even more important is to become thoroughly engaged in the political process where decisions are made on nuclear weapons policy. This requires (a) mobilizing the religious community for participation and (b) allying the religious community with other sectors working for nuclear abolition and intermediate steps toward that goal.

We are doing this in our work in the United States to achieve Senate ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty where we have (a) a religious working group that is closely related to (b) a variety of peace and arms control organizations. It's what we're doing in relation to the NPT PrepCom where we (a) have developed the attached statement issued by Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, and Godfried Cardinal Danneels, president of Pax Christi International, and have arranged for a reception for PrepCom delegates that these two leaders will host and (b) at the same time are working closely with the Abolition 2000 network and other non-governmental organizations (NGOs). These are building blocks for fuller mobilization to work for nuclear abolition.

My suggestion to get bishops and generals to work together carries this approach another step. This may require a public statement signed by world religious leaders, or jointly by religious leaders, generals, admirals, scientists, retired civilian leaders, and other experts. But beyond that there is need (i) for each sector to have ways of mobilizing top leadership for the purpose of influencing public policy makers, (ii) for these sectors to work together on an ongoing basis, (iii) for the staffs of national organizations to work closely together and (iii) for achieving

effective linkages with grassroots networks. In this manner the elite influence of bishops, generals, and other leaders can be connected with widespread, grassroots political action.

Getting to the Heart of the Matter

Whatever is done, it is essential to get to the heart of the matter. The central issue is the fact that those controlling public policy in the United States and Russia, and also in China, France, and Great Britain, believe that nuclear weapons have utility.

The five nuclear weapon states may want to reduce the number of nuclear weapons, but they also want to retain an active arsenal and a sizable reserve into the foreseeable future for deterrence purposes and for potential use in war-fighting. Furthermore, they believe that possession of nuclear weapons enhances their power and prestige on the world scene. They reject such policies as no first-use and de-alerting because they perceive them as steps down the road toward nuclear abolition, a course they don't want to pursue.

Some advocates of nuclear disarmament try to assuage policy makers' rejection of complete nuclear abolition by advocating part-way measures. These include halting strategic reduction at 100 or 200 active warheads on each side; de-alerting only part of the arsenal; creating strategic reserves that can be reactivated; de-mirving strategic weapons. Unfortunately this gradualism doesn't get to the heart of the matter. It accepts the premise that nuclear weapons have utility, that nuclear deterrence is an acceptable policy, and that therefore some portion of the nuclear arsenal should be retained. This is a policy of nuclear weapons forever, though at reduced scale.

In contrast, the religious community, while supporting such intermediate steps the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) and bilateral, US-Russian strategy arms reduction treaties (START), is for the most part committed to complete abolition of nuclear weapons. This stems from a belief that the use and threatened use of nuclear weapons is morally wrong.

Religious leaders and other abolitionists point out that nuclear weapons have no utility in war-fighting. They note that all five nuclear weapon states have accepted defeated in regional wars rather than use nuclear weapons. They observe that if the main function of nuclear weapons is to deter other nuclear weapons, the wisest and common sense approach is to abolish all nuclear weapons as soon as possible, achieved judiciously with adequate safeguards.

For this to happen, nuclear weapon states must unequivocally renounce the use of nuclear weapons for war-fighting and for deterrence. This gets to the heart of the matter.

Nuclear Abolition Covenant

Therefore, mobilization of the religious community should be based upon an unequivocal demand that the nuclear weapon states renounce the use of nuclear weapons for war-fighting and deterrence and commit themselves to a set of actions to achieve nuclear abolition.

This fits in easily with the policies of major religious denomination. In the United States the United Methodist Church and the Episcopal Church have resolutions that speak explicitly of nuclear abolition. Other Protestant denominations in various ways advocate the elimination of

nuclear weapons. The National Council of Catholic Bishops does likewise. On the global scene Pope John Paul II is considered to be a nuclear abolitionist, and the World Council of Churches favors nuclear abolition.

To provide a focus for the religious community, I have drafted the attached "Nuclear Abolition Covenant", which is intended to be signed and implemented by nuclear weapon states. Through the covenant these states would renounce nuclear weapons for deterrence and war-fighting and commit themselves to a series of steps to achieve nuclear abolition. Renouncement comes first. The steps are means of implementation.

I suggest that pressing the nuclear weapons states to agree to this covenant (or some similar demand) could be the focus for a coalition of religious leaders working together for nuclear abolition and for the work of denominational staff, peace fellowships, and grassroots networks. It could also be the basis for forming a broader coalition with leadership of other sectors.

Leadership Council

As an expression of top-level commitment, a "Religious [or Interfaith] Leadership Council for Nuclear Abolition" should be formed. It would consist of persons appointed by the heads of communion of participating denominations. Preferably the members would be bishops and other ecclesiastical leaders rather than denomination staff. The Leadership Council would provide policy guidance for joint efforts, issue public policy statements, send delegations to public officials, and provide feedback to top denominational leadership. It would meet two or three times a year.

Members of the Religious Leadership Council would work with retired military leaders and other nuclear abolition advocates to influence public opinion and public policy makers on key issues. An alternative would be to form a multi-sector "Leadership Council for Nuclear Abolition", consisting of bishops, generals, and others.

Working Group

The religious campaign for nuclear abolition should have a Working Group (or coordinating committee) consisting of staff representatives of participating denominations, clusters of denominations, and religious peace fellowships. Its job would be to design and guide the implementation of joint activities that focus on policy makers, public education, and grassroots mobilization. It would relate to secular organizations and networks working for nuclear abolition. Because many of these organizations and denominational peace and justice staff are based in Washington, D.C., this should be the location of Working Group meetings. Between monthly meetings the chair of the Working Group would function as a facilitator of joint activities (but not as director with line authority). An administrative associate would be needed for a variety of follow-up assignments. The chair and administrative associate would provide support for the Leadership Council.

Grassroots Outreach

Religious denominations have extensive membership networks that can be utilized to build public support for nuclear abolition. This support can be directed toward specific policy-makers,

such as the president, cabinet officers, members of Congress, as we are now doing in the CTBT ratification campaign. It can follow legislation and treaties through steps of the legislative process and mobilize grassroots support at crucial moments. The grassroots network can also provide rapid response to pronouncements by public officials. State and local religious leaders can join with generals, admirals, scientists, and other advocates of nuclear abolition in public education activities at the grassroots level.

Participating Denominations

The breadth of potential participation in mobilizing the religious community in support of nuclear abolition is indicated in three attachments.

The first shows the ranking of Christian denominations in the United States by membership. Thirty-one denominations have 95 percent of church membership reported in the *Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches* (though some denominations don't report their membership). The second lists the 34 member denominations of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., and the third shows the 48 member denominations of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Of the top 31 denominations by size, 16 belong to the National Council of Churches and 7 to the National Association of Evangelicals. Eight are affiliated with neither, including the Catholic Church, Southern Baptist Convention, Church of God in Christ, Latter-day Saints (Mormon), Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Baptist Bible Fellowship, Jehovah's Witnesses, and Seventh-day Adventists.

Presently the following denominations, peace fellowships, and other religious-based associations are actively participating in the grassroots campaign for CTBT ratification:

U.S. Catholic Conference	NETWORK: A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby Pax Christi USA
United Methodist Church	Methodists United for Peace with Justice
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	Presbyterian Peace Fellowship
Episcopal Church	Episcopal Peace Fellowship
United Church of Christ	
Church of the Brethren	
Friends Committee on National Legislation	American Friends Service Committee
Mennonite Central Committee	
Unitarian Universalist Association	
Union of American Hebrew Congregations	

Also:

Church Women United
National Council of Churches
Fellowship of Reconciliation

Top leaders of all of these denominations and peace fellowships have signed "A Statement of American Religious Leaders: Ratify the CTBT" that will soon be presented to the U.S. Senate. Other signers include heads of communion or representatives of African Methodist Episcopal Church, American Baptist Churches USA, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Evangelicals for Social Action, Friends General Conference, Friends United Meeting, Moravian Church-Northern Province, Progressive Baptist National Convention, National Missionary Baptist Convention, Orthodox Church in America, Seventh-day Adventist Church, Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch, and the Shalom Center of Reconstructionist Judaism. Several more signers are anticipated, such as the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, National Baptist Convention - USA, National Baptist Convention of America. State conventions of Southern Baptists in Virginia, North Carolina, and Texas are other possibilities. An effort is underway to gain the endorsement of the National Association of Evangelicals.

This combined list is the natural constituency for religious participation in a major campaign to press the nuclear weapon states to renounce nuclear weapons and take steps to abolish them. Top leaders could be invited to participate in the Religious Leadership Council for Nuclear Abolition. Those with peace/justice staff could be part of the Working Group. All of the denominational networks could be involved in grassroots education and mobilization.

Opportunities for Foundation Funding

There are several opportunities for foundation funding in support of much greater religious mobilization for nuclear abolition.

Denominations would be invited to appoint representatives to the Leadership Council. In some cases it may be necessary to provide financial assistance for travel expenses because denominational funds are sometimes scarce for this purpose.

A grant would be appropriate for costs associated with the Working Group. This could include a chair/facilitator on a half-time basis, an administrative associate half to full time, communications, and office expenses. This staff could also serve as a secretariat for the Leadership Council.

There could be a series of grants to denomination peace and justice offices so that they can provide staff assigned specifically to nuclear abolition activities. As it is, denominational staff cover multiple agendas. In the case of the CTBT campaign they squeeze in this work among assignments on such other issues as land mines, arms trade, Middle East peace, Africa, Timor, United Nations funding, international trade agreements (justice aspects), and other international issues. It would be useful for each major denomination to have a full-time staff person (or at least half-time staff) working on nuclear abolition for, say, a three year period. Grants would be condition on participation in the Leadership Council, Working Group, and grassroots networks. Specific outreach objectives would be required. Possible recipients might include (some full time, other half time):

U. S. Catholic Conference
United Methodist Board of Church and Society
Lutheran Office for Governmental Affairs

Presbyterian Washington Office
Episcopal Washington Office
United Church of Christ, Office for Church in Society
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with outreach to related denominations
(Churches of Christ, Christian Churches)
A Baptist coalition
Congress of National Black Churches (8 denominations)
National of Churches (for outreach to state councils of churches)
National Association of Evangelicals (for outreach to evangelical churches)
Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (including outreach to other
Jewish bodies
A Mormon entity
An Orthodox entity
A Muslim entity

The annual salary for such personnel based in Washington would be in the \$30,000 to \$35, 000 range plus fringe benefits, communications, and operating costs beyond what the organization could absorb. This would total in the \$40-50,000 range. Half-time staff could cut that in half. Add in a chair/facilitator and support staff for the Working Group and expenses for the Leadership Council, the total budget could run from \$500,000 to \$800,000, depending on how many denominational grants are given.

I don't know whether you and collaborating foundations are willing to consider that kind of money, but if you did, you would be able to help mobilize a huge membership of religious denominations for the cause of nuclear abolition. It's a vast potential ready to be tapped.

If you want me to elaborate on any of these points, please let me know.

Shalom,

Howard W. Hallman

April 9, 1998

To: Dr. William F. Vendley, Secretary General
World Conference on Religion and Peace

Fax: 212 983-0566

No. of pages: 3

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: Statement on Nuclear Abolition

Dear Dr. Vendley:

As co-convener of the Religious Working Group for Nuclear Abolition, I want to share with you the attached statement on "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, and Godfried Cardinal Danneels, president of Pax Christi International. It is addressed to delegates of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee, which meets in Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. The statement makes the religious and moral case for abolition of nuclear weapons and offers ideas on how the NPT Preparatory Committee can make progress toward that objective.

We are seeking additional signers of the statement, including persons of different faiths. Would you be willing to send the statement religious leaders affiliated with the World Conference on Religion and Peace and invited them sign? For each signer we want to know title (Rev., Dr., etc.), name, organizational title (such as general secretary), name of organization, mailing address, telephone, fax number, and e-mail address.

We want to present the list of signers to the delegates when they convene in Geneva on April 27. Because I will be preparing this list in the United States before heading for Geneva, I would like to have the names by Wednesday, April 22. You can contact me by e-mail at mupj@igc.org or by fax at 301 896-0013. My phone number is the same.

If you would like an e-mail version of the statement to ease your forwarding it to others, please let me know.

With best regards,

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April 9, 1998

To: Bishop Nathaniel Linsey
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Fax: 513 772-5390

No. of pages: 4

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Dear Bishop Linsey:

Following up our telephone conversation, I am sending you "A Statement by American Religious Leaders: Ratify the CTBT". We invite you to sign the statement in behalf of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

This letter was developed by the Friends Committee for National Legislation in behalf of a broad coalition of religious organizations working for Senate ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. We plan to present the letter with the names of signers to Senate leadership in early May. We will urge hearings by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as soon as possible and action by the entire Senate before the session ends.

We greatly appreciate your support.

With best regards,

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April 9, 1998

To: Dr. Robert Parham
Baptist Center for Ethics

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No. of pages: 4

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Dear Dr. Parham:

Following up our telephone conversation, I am sending you "A Statement by American Religious Leaders: Ratify the CTBT". We invite you to sign the statement and help build support for Senate ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty..

This statement was developed by the Friends Committee on National Legislation in behalf of a broad coalition of religious organizations working for CTBT ratification. We plan to present the letter with the names of signers to Senate leadership in early May. We will urge hearings by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as soon as possible and action by the entire Senate before the session ends.

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With best regards,

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From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: Sign-on statement on CTBT

Dear Rev. Monson:

A coalition of religious organizations is working to obtain Senate ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). As part of this effort, we have developed "A Statement by American Religious Leaders: Ratify the CTBT". It is attached along with a list of initial signers, who are heads of denominations and national religious organizations. We are now reaching out to state and local religious leaders with an invitation to sign. We want to present this statement and a long list of signers to Senate leadership in early May. We will also identify signers in particular states and present the letter to the senators from those states.

Would you be willing to sign in behalf of the Wyoming Church Coalition? Would you also circulate the statement to your members with an invitation to sign? We are seeking endorsement particularly by state and area denominational leaders, but local ministers, churches, and religious committees are welcome to sign, too

We would like to have the names and identity of the signers by May 1. A sign-on form is attached.

If you have any questions, please call me. Thanks for your help.

Shalom,

April 9, 1998

Dear Abolitionists:

I would like to share with you a statement "Act Now for Nuclear Abolition", signed by Godfried Cardinal Danneels, president of Pax Christi International, and Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, general secretary of the World Council of Churches. It is addressed to the delegates of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee and urges them to take decisive action at their forthcoming meeting in Geneva. We have sent this statement to the foreign ministries of the NPT signatory states and have asked them to consider Cardinal Danneels' and Dr. Raiser's ideas when they instruct their delegation to the NPT Preparatory Committee. Perhaps you likewise could contact your foreign minister and give your endorsement to the proposals contained in the statement. You could emphasize, as the statement does, that loyalty to humankind is greater than loyalty to political blocs. Therefore, delegates should take responsibility as stewards of God's Earth and not be wholly subservient to the nuclear weapons states and their reluctance to give up their nuclear weapons.

On the first evening of the Preparatory Committee session the Religious Working Group on Nuclear Abolition is sponsoring a reception for the delegates. Cardinal Danneels and Dr. Raiser will make welcoming remarks and encourage the delegates to make notable achievements during the two-week session. Ambassador Eugenuisz Wyzner, chair of the Preparatory Committee, has agreed to respond to their welcome. In this manner we hope to lift the moral issue before the delegates on the opening day and to challenge them take advantage of their gathering to make significant progress in the quest for nuclear abolition.

Shalom,
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April 13, 1998

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Dear Sally:

I'm slow in replying to your message of March 31 because I've been busy with the CTBT campaign and getting ready for the upcoming NPT Preparatory Committee. Also, I wanted to organize my thinking on a long-range approach for involving the religious community more fully in the quest for nuclear abolition. Thus, I am giving you a longer reply, and perhaps more rambling, than you may have expected. You can share my thoughts with Bill Hoehn if you want, or have me send him a copy.

Regarding your specific inquiry, I can report that Senator Cranston tried to get together with me on February 23 when he was in Washington, but that was the day I was returning from Geneva where I participated in NGO planning for the NPT PrepCom session. I reached him by phone in California the next day, and he indicated that he was interested in pursuing ways to involve the religious community. I haven't heard from him since, and I haven't followed through with him.

Through other sources I am aware that Alan Geyer is working with Robert McNamara to develop a statement for religious leaders, presumably comparable to that of generals and admirals and the civilian leaders. Geyer was a principal consultant to the United Methodist Council of Bishops when they wrote their 1986 pastoral letter and foundation document that said "no" to nuclear disarmament. He was then a professor at Wesley Theological Seminary in D.C. and is now associated with the Washington National Cathedral. I intend to talk with Geyer to find out more about what he is doing.

Engagement in Policy-making Processes

I believe that statements are fine (and have one to suggest), but even more important is to become thoroughly engaged in the political process where decisions are made on nuclear weapons policy. This requires (a) mobilizing the religious community for participation and (b) allying the religious community

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with other sectors working for nuclear abolition and intermediate steps toward that goal.

We are doing this in our work in the United States to achieve Senate ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty where we have (a) a religious working group that is closely related to (b) a variety of peace and arms control organizations. It's what we're doing in relation to the NPT PrepCom where we (a) have developed the attached statement issued by Rev. Dr. Konrad Raiser, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, and Godfried Cardinal Danneels, president of Pax Christi International, and have arranged for a reception for PrepCom delegates that these two leaders will host and (b) at the same time are working closely with the Abolition 2000 network and other non-governmental organizations (NGOs). These are building blocks for fuller mobilization to work for nuclear abolition.

My suggestion to get bishops and generals to work together carries this approach another step. This may require a public statement signed by world religious leaders, or jointly by religious leaders, generals, admirals, scientists, retired civilian leaders, and other experts. But beyond that there is need (i) for each sector to have ways of mobilizing top leadership for the purpose of influencing public policy makers, (ii) for these sectors to work together on an ongoing basis, (iii) for the staffs of national organizations to work closely together and (iii) for achieving effective linkages with grassroots networks. In this manner the elite influence of bishops, generals, and other leaders can be connected with widespread, grassroots political action.

Getting to the Heart of the Matter

Whatever is done, it is essential to get to the heart of the matter. The central issue is the fact that those controlling public policy in the United States and Russia, and also in China, France, and Great Britain, believe that nuclear weapons have utility.

The five nuclear weapon states may want to reduce the number of nuclear weapons, but they also want to retain an active arsenal and a sizable reserve into the foreseeable future for deterrence purposes and for potential use in war-fighting. Furthermore, they believe that possession of nuclear weapons enhances their power and prestige on the world scene. They reject such policies as no first-use and de-alerting because they perceive them as steps down the road toward nuclear abolition, a course they don't want to pursue.

Some advocates of nuclear disarmament try to assuage policy makers' rejection of complete nuclear abolition by advocating part-way measures. These include halting strategic reduction at 100 or 200 active warheads on each side; de-alerting only part of the arsenal; creating strategic reserves that can be reactivated; de-mirving strategic weapons. Unfortunately this gradualism doesn't get to the heart of the matter. It accepts the premise that nuclear weapons have utility, that nuclear deterrence is an acceptable policy, and that therefore some portion of the nuclear arsenal should be retained. This is a policy of nuclear weapons forever, though at reduced scale.

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In contrast, the religious community, while supporting such intermediate steps the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) and bilateral, US-Russian strategy arms reduction treaties (START), is for the most part committed to complete abolition of nuclear weapons. This stems from a belief that the use and threatened use of nuclear weapons is morally wrong.

Religious leaders and other abolitionists point out that nuclear weapons have no utility in war-fighting. They note that all five nuclear weapon states have accepted defeated in regional wars rather than use nuclear weapons. They observe that if the main function of nuclear weapons is to deter other nuclear weapons, the wisest and common sense approach is to abolish all nuclear weapons as soon as possible, achieved judiciously with adequate safeguards.

For this to happen, nuclear weapon states must unequivocally renounce the use of nuclear weapons for war-fighting and for deterrence. This gets to the heart of the matter.

Nuclear Abolition Covenant

Therefore, mobilization of the religious community should be based upon an unequivocal demand that the nuclear weapon states renounce the use of nuclear weapons for war-fighting and deterrence and commit themselves to a set of actions to achieve nuclear abolition.

This fits in easily with the policies of major religious denomination. In the United States the United Methodist Church and the Episcopal Church have resolutions that speak explicitly of nuclear abolition. Other Protestant denominations in various ways advocate the elimination of nuclear weapons. The National Council of Catholic Bishops does likewise. On the global scene Pope John Paul II is considered to be a nuclear abolitionist, and the World Council of Churches favors nuclear abolition.

To provide a focus for the religious community, I have drafted the attached "Nuclear Abolition Covenant", which is intended to be signed and implemented by nuclear weapon states. Through the covenant these states would renounce nuclear weapons for deterrence and war-fighting and commit themselves to a series of steps to achieve nuclear abolition. Renouncement comes first. The steps are means of implementation.

I suggest that pressing the nuclear weapons states to agree to this covenant (or some similar demand) could be the focus for a coalition of religious leaders working together for nuclear abolition and for the work of denominational staff, peace fellowships, and grassroots networks. It could also be the basis for forming a broader coalition with leadership of other sectors.

Leadership Council

As an expression of top-level commitment, a "Religious [or Interfaith] Leadership Council for Nuclear Abolition" should be formed. It would consist of persons appointed by the heads of

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communion of participating denominations. Preferably the members would be bishops and other ecclesiastical leaders rather than denomination staff. The Leadership Council would provide policy guidance for joint efforts, issue public policy statements, send delegations to public officials, and provide feedback to top denominational leadership. It would meet two or three times a year.

Members of the Religious Leadership Council would work with retired military leaders and other nuclear abolition advocates to influence public opinion and public policy makers on key issues. An alternative would be to form a multi-sector "Leadership Council for Nuclear Abolition", consisting of bishops, generals, and others.

Working Group

The religious campaign for nuclear abolition should have a Working Group (or coordinating committee) consisting of staff representatives of participating denominations, clusters of denominations, and religious peace fellowships. Its job would be to design and guide the implementation of joint activities that focus on policy makers, public education, and grassroots mobilization. It would relate to secular organizations and networks working for nuclear abolition. Because many of these organizations and denominational peace and justice staff are based in Washington, D.C., this should be the location of Working Group meetings. Between monthly meetings the chair of the Working Group would function as a facilitator of joint activities (but not as director with line authority). An administrative associate would be needed for a variety of follow-up assignments. The chair and administrative associate would provide support for the Leadership Council.

Grassroots Outreach

Religious denominations have extensive membership networks that can be utilized to build public support for nuclear abolition. This support can be directed toward specific policy-makers, such as the president, cabinet officers, members of Congress, as we are now doing in the CTBT ratification campaign. It can follow legislation and treaties through steps of the legislative process and mobilize grassroots support at crucial moments. The grassroots network can also provide rapid response to pronouncements by public officials. State and local religious leaders can join with generals, admirals, scientists, and other advocates of nuclear abolition in public education activities at the grassroots level.

Participating Denominations

The breadth of potential participation in mobilizing the religious community in support of nuclear abolition is indicated in three attachments.

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The first shows the ranking of Christian denominations in the United States by membership. Thirty-one denominations have 95 percent of church membership reported in the *Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches* (though some denominations don't report their membership). The second lists the 34 member denominations of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., and the third shows the 48 member denominations of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Of the top 31 denominations by size, 16 belong to the National Council of Churches and 7 to the National Association of Evangelicals. Eight are affiliated with neither, including the Catholic Church, Southern Baptist Convention, Church of God in Christ, Latter-day Saints (Mormon), Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Baptist Bible Fellowship, Jehovah's Witnesses, and Seventh-day Adventists.

Presently the following denominations, peace fellowships, and other religious-based associations are actively participating in the grassroots campaign for CTBT ratification:

U.S. Catholic Conference	NETWORK: A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby Pax Christi USA
United Methodist Church	Methodists United for Peace with Justice
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	Presbyterian Peace Fellowship
Episcopal Church	Episcopal Peace Fellowship
United Church of Christ	
Church of the Brethren	
Friends Committee on National Legislation	American Friends Service Committee
Mennonite Central Committee	
Unitarian Universalist Association	
Union of American Hebrew Congregations	

Also:

Church Women United
National Council of Churches
Fellowship of Reconciliation

Top leaders of all of these denominations and peace fellowships have signed "A Statement of American Religious Leaders: Ratify the CTBT" that will soon be presented to the U.S. Senate. Other signers include heads of communion or representatives of African Methodist Episcopal Church, American Baptist Churches USA, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Evangelicals for Social Action, Friends General Conference, Friends United Meeting, Moravian Church-Northern Province, Progressive Baptist National Convention, National Missionary Baptist Convention, Orthodox Church in American, Seventh-

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day Adventist Church, Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch, and the Shalom Center of Reconstructionist Judaism. Several more signers are anticipated, such as the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, National Baptist Convention - USA, National Baptist Convention of America. State conventions of Southern Baptists in Virginia, North Carolina, and Texas are other possibilities. An effort is underway to gain the endorsement of the National Association of Evangelicals.

This combined list is the natural constituency for religious participation in a major campaign to press the nuclear weapon states to renounce nuclear weapons and take steps to abolish them. Top leaders could be invited to participate in the Religious Leadership Council for Nuclear Abolition. Those with peace/justice staff could be part of the Working Group. All of the denominational networks could be involved in grassroots education and mobilization.

Opportunities for Foundation Funding

There are several opportunities for foundation funding in support of much greater religious mobilization for nuclear abolition.

Denominations would be invited to appoint representatives to the Leadership Council. In some cases it may be necessary to provide financial assistance for travel expenses because denominational funds are sometimes scarce for this purpose.

A grant would be appropriate for costs associated with the Working Group. This could include a chair/facilitator on a half-time basis, an administrative associate half to full time, communications, and office expenses. This staff could also serve as a secretariat for the Leadership Council.

There could be a series of grants to denomination peace and justice offices so that they can provide staff assigned specifically to nuclear abolition activities. As it is, denominational staff cover multiple agendas. In the case of the CTBT campaign they squeeze in this work among assignments on such other issues as land mines, arms trade, Middle East peace, Africa, Timor, United Nations funding, international trade agreements (justice aspects), and other international issues. It would be useful for each major denomination to have a full-time staff person (or at least half-time staff) working on nuclear abolition for, say, a three year period. Grants would be condition on participation in the Leadership Council, Working Group, and grassroots networks. Specific outreach objectives would be required. Possible recipients might include (some full time, other half time):

U. S. Catholic Conference
United Methodist Board of Church and Society
Lutheran Office for Governmental Affairs
Presbyterian Washington Office

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Episcopal Washington Office
United Church of Christ, Office for Church in Society
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with outreach to related denominations
(Churches of Christ, Christian Churches)
A Baptist coalition
Congress of National Black Churches (8 denominations)
National of Churches (for outreach to state councils of churches)
National Association of Evangelicals (for outreach to evangelical churches)
Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (including outreach to other
Jewish bodies
A Mormon entity
An Orthodox entity
A Muslim entity

The annual salary for such personnel based in Washington would be in the \$30,000 to \$35, 000 range plus fringe benefits, communications, and operating costs beyond what the organization could absorb. This would total in the \$40-50,000 range. Half-time staff could cut that in half. Add in a chair/facilitator and support staff for the Working Group and expenses for the Leadership Council, the total budget could run from \$500,000 to \$800,000, depending on how many denominational grants are given.

I don't know whether you and collaborating foundations are willing to consider that kind of money, but if you did, you would be able to help mobilize a huge membership of religious denominations for the cause of nuclear abolition. It's a vast potential ready to be tapped.

If you want me to elaborate on any of these points, please let me know.

Shalom,

Howard W. Hallman