

# Both Israel and Iran Should Subscribe to a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone (NWFZ)

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The Sunday Times yesterday reported that fears are intensifying of a new nuclear arms race in the Middle East. However, it failed to mention that to designate the Middle East including both Iran and Israel as a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone (NWFZ) – as already proposed by EU governments – would obviate this risk, at a stroke.

Unfortunately, a resolution to this effect has fallen foul of the pro-Israel lobby and its U.S. veto in the United Nations, for the obvious reason that it would entail the State of Israel in declaring its secret nuclear arsenal – the only such nuclear stockpile in the world – estimated by American scientists to hold up to 400 warheads, enough to wipe out the whole Middle East.

But what causes the most dramatic concern is that this arsenal remains undeclared and therefore uninspected by the IAEA. What we further know is that a fleet of German-built, Dolphin-class submarines already delivered to the Israeli Navy has now been converted to being nuclear-armed with ICB cruise missiles and assumed to be patrolling the Mediterranean and Red Seas and that the potential for an Israeli attack upon Iran could increase exponentially.

The obvious answer is for the European Union and the U.S. Congress to support an urgent UN resolution for a Nuclear Weapons Free Middle East if world peace is a vital goal and nuclear war with its potential for millions of deaths – initially in the Middle East – is to be avoided.

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