

The Imminent Danger of Nuclear War

IPPNW's Associate Program Director Molly McGinty delivered the following remarks at the High-Level Meeting of the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons on 26 September.

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Global Research Editor's Note

Important statement by IPPNW: "By accident or miscalculation".

The emphasis on the nine countries is misleading:

"broken system which allows nine nations to hold the world hostage with their genocidal weapons."

Moreover it casually places the blame on Russia without acknowledging that the major danger comes from the U.S. and its 1.3 trillion dollar nuclear weapons program, which is slated to increase to \$2 trillion in 2030.

The statement fails to address America's preemptive nuclear doctrine, which repeals the Cold War Doctrine of "Mutually Assured Destruction".

Nor does it address the history of nuclear war. On record, the Manhattan Project was intent upon waging a nuclear war against the Soviet Union.

[The US threat of nuclear war against Russia was formulated more than 76 years ago in September 1945](#), when the US and the Soviet Union were allies. It consisted in a "World War III Blueprint" of nuclear war against the USSR, targeting 66 cities with more than 200 atomic bombs. This diabolical project under the Manhattan Project was instrumental in triggering the Cold War and the nuclear arms race.

Michel Chossudovsky, October 7, 2022

Honorable President, Distinguished Delegates, and friends,

I join you as a representative of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War and a young person inheriting the world you are building in these very halls. Today, on the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, 77 years after the world stumbled into the nuclear age, we stand on the precipice of nuclear annihilation.

If action is not taken, it is only a matter of time until nuclear weapons are used, whether on purpose, by accident or miscalculation. Studies show that a nuclear war using less than 3% of the world's nuclear weapons could kill up to every 3rd person on earth. A full-scale nuclear war between Russia and the United States would threaten human survival.

Despite their empty promises, all nine nuclear weapon states are enhancing, modernizing, and increasing their nuclear arsenals. These deadly investments take precious resources away from addressing the other existential threat to our future: the climate crisis. Climate justice cannot be reached while nuclear weapons continue to plague our planet.

Recent nuclear threats are a symptom of a broken system which allows nine nations to hold the world hostage with their genocidal weapons. We call on all nations to condemn all threats to use nuclear weapons. But condemnation is not enough. The only way we can step back from the brink of disaster is by eliminating these weapons.

Distinguished Delegates,

A world without nuclear weapons is possible.

A new generation of changemakers — many of whom are witnessing the climate crisis first hand — are waking up to the shocking reality of our global nuclear architecture for the first time. We demand action be taken before our future is ripped out from under our feet. We reject the complacency of nuclear-armed states and their allies, and thank those who have paved the path to abolition.

The abolition of nuclear weapons is not an abstract goal. The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was adopted by this UN General Assembly in 2017 and held its first Meeting of States Parties earlier this year in Vienna. With the landmark Vienna Declaration and a growing number of supportive states, the TPNW is a beacon of hope in an otherwise bleak landscape.

Distinguished Delegates,

As the threat of nuclear war grows, so does the global opposition to nuclear weapons. In response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, one million people worldwide signed IPPNW's petition with 16 Nobel Peace Prize Laureates calling on Russia and NATO to renounce any use of nuclear weapons in this conflict and urging all countries to support the TPNW.

While nuclear sabers are rattling, I stand with the support of over one million individuals and once again urge Russia and NATO to use the 77th General Assembly to heed our call and

renounce the use of nuclear weapons. To the Member States who have not signed or ratified the TPNW: do not delay your support until it is too late.

Distinguished Delegates,

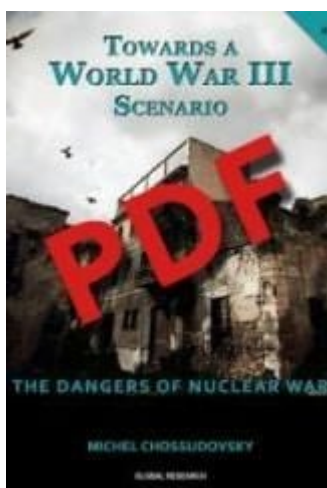
The time for rhetoric is over. If we survive this moment, we must learn from our worldwide near-death experience and never again find ourselves on the edge of a precipice of our own making.

It is either the end of nuclear weapons, or the end of us. The choice is yours.

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–Denis Halliday, Former Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations

Michel Chossudovsky exposes the insanity of our privatized war machine. Iran is being targeted with nuclear weapons as part of a war agenda built on distortions and lies for the purpose of private profit. The real aims are oil, financial hegemony and global control. The price could be nuclear holocaust. When weapons become the hottest export of the world’s only superpower, and diplomats work as salesmen for the defense industry, the whole world is recklessly endangered. If we must have a military, it belongs entirely in the public sector. No one should profit from mass death and destruction.

–Ellen Brown, author of ‘Web of Debt’ and president of the Public Banking Institute

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