



Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Group of 78, I am writing to express our endorsement of the demands made by Mr. Ernie Regehr and Mr. Douglas Roche in their commentary of June 27 published in the *Globe & Mail*, “We are in perilous times, yet Canada is silent on the proliferation of nuclear weapons”.

As the authors put it, “Nuclear disarmament agreements have collapsed, a renewed nuclear arms race is underway, and an existential nuclear crisis of frightening proportions is unfolding.”

We agree with the authors that “the current nuclear crisis calls for the bold assertion of Canadian leadership,” starting with you, Prime Minister.

We agree at a minimum that “Canada should be a leading voice urging the nuclear powers to undertake mutual commitments to never be the first state to use nuclear weapons and to take all nuclear weapons off of high-alert status. Canada should be calling for and monitoring progress toward a New START successor treaty and should promote intensified strategic dialogue among the major powers.”

Yours sincerely,

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