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**Appeal on the 60th Anniversaries of Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- Eliminate Nuclear Weapons and Remember Your Humanity -**

Santa Barbara, CA (August 4, 2005) – On the 60th anniversaries of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation and the International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility have issued an appeal calling for the elimination of all nuclear weapons. The Appeal, signed by 30 prominent international figures, Nobel Laureates and humanitarians, calls upon the nuclear weapons states to put aside their nuclear weapons in the interests of a peaceful human future.

The Appeal states, “Nuclear weapons remain a threat to all life. They should be made relics of the past. The nuclear weapons states tempt disaster by continuing to cling tenaciously to their nuclear weapons for a security that they cannot provide.” A full text of the Appeal is attached. Among the signatories are Nobel Peace Prize Laureates Sir Joseph Rotblat, Rigoberta Menchu, Mairead Maguire, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Betty Williams.

David Krieger, President of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation and a signatory of the Appeal, said, “Nuclear weapons persist without reason or rationality, maintaining their threat to humanity and to all forms of life on the planet...The people of the world have a right to be free of nuclear weapons and war.”

The Appeal, inspired by the 1955 Russell-Einstein Manifesto, was initiated in response to the lasting danger presented by the arsenals of the world’s nuclear weapons states. Sixty years

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after Hiroshima and nearly fifteen years after the end of the Cold War, there are still some 20,000 to 30,000 nuclear weapons in the world. The US and Russia have over 95 percent of these weapons, and each still maintain some 2,000 nuclear weapons on hair-trigger alert, ready to be fired in moments.

Jack Steinberger, 1988 Nobel Physics Laureate and signatory of the Appeal, said, “I am deeply concerned that in this year of the 60th Anniversaries of the atomic bombings, the world stands at the brink of a renewed nuclear crisis of incalculable proportions. All of us need to speak out before it is too late.”

The Appeal calls on people everywhere to demand the elimination of all nuclear weapons from the arsenals of all countries and, in the words of the Russell-Einstein Manifesto, “Remember your humanity, and forget the rest.”

The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan, international organization with consultative status to the United Nations. For more than 20 years, the Foundation has been committed to advancing initiatives to eliminate the nuclear weapons threat to all life, to fostering the global rule of law, and to building an enduring legacy of peace through education and advocacy.

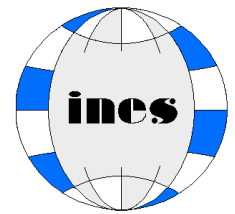
The Appeal on the Sixtieth Anniversaries of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, with a list of signatories, is available online at:

http://www.wagingpeace.org/articles/2005/08/00_appeal_hiroshima.htm.

For more information on the Appeal, please contact Luke Brothers, the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation’s Communications and Outreach Associate, at (805) 965-3443 or by email at lbrothers@napf.org.

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APPEAL ON THE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARIES OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI

The dreadful and destructive potential of the Nuclear Age was revealed to the world at Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, and again at Nagasaki on August 9, 1945.

Ten years later, Bertrand Russell and Albert Einstein issued an appeal warning that nuclear weapons confronted humanity with a choice: to renounce war or put an end to the human race.

In the 60th year of the Nuclear Age, our choice remains unchanged. Nuclear weapons remain a threat to all life. They should be made relics of the past.

The nuclear weapons states tempt disaster for all life by continuing to cling tenaciously to their nuclear weapons for a security that they cannot provide.

Nuclear disarmament and nuclear proliferation are inextricably linked. Without nuclear disarmament, nuclear proliferation will surely increase.

In the aftermath of the Cold War, there is no longer a deadly ideological standoff between rival ideological blocs of nations. The way lies open to nuclear disarmament and an end to war.

We call upon the nuclear weapons states to put aside these weapons in the interests of a human future and fulfill their obligations to achieve nuclear disarmament.

We call upon people everywhere to demand the elimination of all nuclear weapons from the arsenals of all countries and, in the words of the Russell-Einstein Manifesto, "Remember your humanity, and forget the rest."

SIGNATORIES

Abhay Ashtekar

Director of the Centre for Gravitational Physics and Geometry, USA

Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation

UK

Reiner Braun

Max Planck Institute for the history of Science; INES, Germany

Pierre Cannone

Former Head of TDB at the OPCW in The Hague and Pugwash Council, France

Paul Crutzen

Nobel Prize Laureate in Chemistry 1995, Germany/ Netherlands

Vitaly Ginzburg

Nobel Prize Laureate in Physics 2003, Russia

David Gross

Nobel Prize Laureate in Physics 2004, USA

Dudley R. Herschbach

Nobel Prize Laureate in Chemistry 1996, USA

International Network of Engineers and Scientists for global responsibility (INES)**International Peace Bureau (IPB)**

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 1910, Switzerland

International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW)

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 1985, USA

Jerome Karle

Nobel Prize Laureate in Chemistry 1985, USA

Walter Kohn

Nobel Prize Laureate in Chemistry 1998, USA

David Krieger

President of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation (NAPF); Deputy Chair of the International Network of Engineers and Scientists for global responsibility (INES), USA

Felicia Langer

Alternative Nobel Prize Laureate 1990, Israel

Mairead Maguire

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 1976, Ireland

Ronald McCoy

Cochair of IPPNW, Malaysia

Rigoberta Menchu

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 1992, Guatemala

Claus Montonen

President of the International Network of Engineers and Scientists for global responsibility (INES), Finland

Valery Petrovyan

Director of the Department of Chemistry, Lomonosov University, Russia

John Polanyi

Nobel Prize Laureate for Chemistry 1986, Canada

Hon. Douglas Roche

Chair of the Middle Power Initiative (MPI), Canada

Sir Joseph Rotblat

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 1995, UK

John Stachel

Director of the Boston University Centre for Einstein Studies, USA

Jack Steinberger

Nobel Prize Laureate in Physics 1988, CERN, Switzerland

Jakob von Uexküll

Founder of the Alternative Noble Prize/ Right Livelihood Award, Sweden/ Germany

Alla Yaroshinskaya

Alternative Nobel Prize Laureate 1992, Russia

Gunnar Westberg

Cochair of IPPNW, Sweden

Joseph Weizenbaum

MIT, USA and Germany

Betty Williams

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 1976, USA