

STATEMENT FROM MP JACK HARRIS, NDP CRITIC FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NUCLEAR ATTACK ON HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI

On August 6th annually we remember with the Japanese people the horror of the nuclear bombs dropped on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the massive loss of life and the effects on generations to follow. We are motivated by this memory 75 years later to continue efforts to bring about an end to Nuclear Weapons and the potential for their use in conflict.

These weapons pose a significant threat to global peace and security and are an existential threat to humanity. The New Democratic Party supports the call for nuclear disarmament and believes that Canada should be a strong voice and force for global peace and security. We once again urge the Government of Canada to sign onto the Treaty on the Prohibition on Nuclear Weapons

Not so long ago, Canada played a role in global disarmament, however in recent years under both Conservative and Liberal governments that role has diminished. With global insecurity on the rise, it is more important than ever that Canada actively support international efforts to promote nuclear disarmament.

Today, on the 75th anniversary of the nuclear attack on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, while we honour and remember the victims, we also celebrate anti-nuclear weapons campaigners like Setsuko Thurlow and urge Canada to sign onto the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.