

## Declaration Against Nuclear Arms Research, Development and Deployment

Recent statements by German and other European politicians have claimed the necessity of a nuclear weapon shield under European control. Such ideas are highly alarming and deserve strongest condemnation.

Not only is the proliferation of nuclear weapon *illegal* under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (in German: Atomwaffensperrvertrag),<sup>123</sup> - it is also incredibly irresponsible as it tears open “Pandora’s box”, thus significantly increasing the risk of a nuclear disaster. In such a scenario, the European Commission would not only be given direct control over “the red button”, it would also make Europe the focus of nuclear bombing.

We understand that the implementation of a European nuclear armament program will require the active contribution of nuclear experts. Therefore we, the undersigned, - physicists and nuclear physicists, mathematicians, computer engineers as well as other scientists and engineers with an understanding of nuclear fission -, declare as follows:

- 1) We hereby commit ourselves to the spirit of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which states in Article IV.2 that the common goal is to “pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament, and on a treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control.”
- 2) We individually promise that we shall never use our expertise in any way that may contribute to, or to promote a European nuclear armament program; nor shall we support any other country’s plans to develop or build nuclear arms.
- 3) We declare our unrestrained solidarity with any researcher who is removed from his/her job or hindered in his/her career due to a refusal to work on, or contribute to nuclear armament projects as mentioned above.
- 4) We declare that we shall not share our knowledge with any party or persons inclined to use this knowledge for doing research on or developing nuclear armaments.
- 5) We declare that, in the relevant discussions with (our) students or public, we will share our knowledge on the irreversible annihilation caused by a nuclear war
- 6) We will, to the extent possible, try to make public any attempt of governments or public administrations calling on universities or research groups to engage individual researchers or entire institutions to work on the development of nuclear weaponry and/or nuclear arms maintenance.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://disarmament.unoda.org/wmd/nuclear/npt/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://verfassungsblog.de/nuclear-weapons/>

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.bnd.bund.de/DE/Die\\_Themen/Proliferation/proliferation\\_node.html](https://www.bnd.bund.de/DE/Die_Themen/Proliferation/proliferation_node.html)