



The Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons | Le Réseau canadien pour l'abolition des armes nucléaires

To: Prime Minister Trudeau,
cc. Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of National Defence

January 21, 2021

Dear Prime Minister,

Earlier this month the world witnessed the storming of the US Capitol building; civil unrest fomented at least in part by one particular man's desire to overturn the results of what was widely seen to be a free and fair election.

So worrisome was the behaviour of Mr. Trump in the dying days of his presidency, that the leader of the US House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, felt compelled to plead with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to deny access by the President to the nuclear launch codes, for fear that he might order a nuclear strike.

The terrifying reality is that a handful of world leaders continue to hold the fate of the world in their hands. One accident, one miscalculation or one tragically misguided impulse and everything could spin out of control, bringing an end to life on Earth as we know it.

We pray that developments of late, and the ongoing existential threat posed by nuclear weapons, generate an appetite for greater action by Canada on the world stage.

The Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons offers the attached **Call to Action on Nuclear Disarmament** for your and your Cabinet colleagues' consideration.

We urge your Government to act as though another nuclear event were imminent - as it very well could be.

Sincerely,

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