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Australian Section

Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Leader of the Australian Labor Party
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT. 2600

Dear Mr Albanese

UN TREATY TO BAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS NOW TO ENTER INTO FORCE

Our organisation WILPF Australia has been active in Australia for many years in working toward the elimination of all nuclear weapons, working with ICAN (the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons). ICAN also worked with our WILPF International New York project “Reaching Critical Will” that focuses on all disarmament issues. The outcome of this effort from many organisations to have the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons actually ready to enter into force is a great achievement.

Now is the time to seek signing of the Treaty from Australia. Thus we applaud the Labor Party commitment decided at the 2018 party conference, and the recent reconfirmation of you and Senator Penny Wong of support for Australia to sign up to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons once in government. In addition, we welcome your public encouragement in the Parliament in support of this exciting prospect of eliminating nuclear weapons. We know that you already have the support of many Mayors for Peace who have already signed up to eliminate nuclear weapons as well as many, many Labor Party members and citizens.

Yours sincerely,

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