

BASIC RESOURCES: THE CTBT, NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOLITION AND NUCLEAR POWER

Below are URLs for five basic resources from Reaching Critical Will and two from I CAN, an Australian based international NGO which is an important WILPF partner. Ideally all US WILPFers working for abolition of nuclear weapons would familiarize themselves with all seven documents and study more thoroughly those particularly relevant to their own concerns. These resources, along with contemporary material on the RCW website, are essential background for our 2013 campaign.

FROM REACHING CRITICAL WILL

1) The CTBT: Obstacles to Entry Into Force

25 pages available on line. Download or read online. <http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/images/documents/Publications/ctbt-obstacles.pdf> No hard copy available.

Today, more than 16 years after the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) was adopted, significant obstacles remain on the path to its entry into force. This report on government positions on the CTBT highlights why entry into force of the treaty should not be treated as a precondition to nuclear disarmament or to the commencement of negotiations on a treaty banning nuclear weapons completely. (Our own nation, unfortunately, has been a major obstacle.)

2) The 2010 NPT Action Plan monitoring report (April 2012)

Hard copies [available](#) for \$8 + s/h. This 98 page monitoring report on progress re realizing goals of the 2010 NPT is also available on line free for reading and/or downloading. http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/images/documents/Publications/2010-Action-Plan/RCW_Final_Report.pdf

Reaching Critical Will, in partnership with the Geneva Centre for Security Policy and the Government of Switzerland, has produced a comprehensive report on the implementation of the 2010 NPT Action Plan.

3) Assuring destruction forever: nuclear weapon modernization around the world

soft cover • 152 pages • March 2012. Hard copies [available](#) for \$8 + s/h. PDF available online for free. <http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/resources/publications-and-research/publications/5712-assuring-destruction-forever-nuclear-weapon-modernization-around-the-world>

This new, groundbreaking study by Reaching Critical Will explores in-depth the nuclear weapon modernization programmes in China, France, India, Israel, Pakistan, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States, and analyzes the costs of nuclear weapons in the context of the economic crisis, austerity measures, and rising challenges in meeting human and environmental needs.

4) Costs, risks, and myths of nuclear power

soft cover • 112 pages • September 2011, Hard copies **available** for \$8 + s/h. **PDF available online for free**, <http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/resources/publications-and-research/publications/103-costs-risks-and-myths-of-nuclear-power>

On 11 September 2011, six months after the disaster at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station in Japan, Reaching Critical Will released an NGO world-wide study on the implications of the catastrophe.

5) Dirty Dozen: corporate partners in mass destruction

Materials on 13 military corporations profiting from nuclear weapons development which formed the basis of our own ten year US WILPF DISARM! Dismantle the War Economy Campaign and our Mil-Corp Manual. Download individual fact sheets on Lockheed Martin, Bechtel, Boeing and more at <http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/resources/publications-and-research/research-projects/6202-dirty-dozen-corporate-partners-in-mass-destruction> Related materials on corporations profiting from missile defense and space militarization also available.

In 2001 and 2007, Reaching Critical Will teamed up with the Arms Trade Resource Center of the World Policy Institute and the Stop the Merchants of Death Network of the War Resisters League to research and generate materials exposing the complicity of corporations contributing to the nuclear fuel cycle and nuclear weapon proliferation, and the associated social, cultural, and environmental harm. They researched and produced profiles of thirteen (a baker's dozen) corporations that are deeply involved in researching, developing, and manufacturing nuclear weapons and nuclear power. In the US their lobbyists also have had a profound effect on US foreign policy. These fact sheets were basic to our own ten year US WILPF campaign to DISARM! Dismantle the War Economy and formed the basis of our own Mil-Corp Manual.

FROM I-CAN, AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL NGO

(sponsored by International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War)

6) Securing our Survival (SOS): The Case for a Nuclear Weapons Convention . <http://www.icanw.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/securingoursurvival2007.pdf>. **International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.** 177 pages. Unfortunately out-of-print and now available only on line.

This publication includes the Model Nuclear Weapons Convention developed by NGO experts and introduced by Costa Rica and Malaysia at the United Nations. Secretary General Ban Ki Moon has made certain that every government delegation has copies. Of course the actual convention will have to be hammered out point-by-point by governments of the world, but this model can serve as a

starting point. The publication also includes material for discussion and research on topics like terrorism, security, verification, nuclear energy and economic conversion.

7) **Don't Bank on the Bomb** <http://www.icanw.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/dontbankonbomb2012.pdf>

Don't Bank on the Bomb is the first major global report on the financing of companies that manufacture, modernize and maintain nuclear weapons and their delivery vehicles. This is an excellent guidebook for divestment in banks and in firms producing nuclear weapons. It was published in 2012 and identifies more than 300 banks, insurance companies, pension funds and asset managers from 30 countries that invest significantly in 20 major nuclear weapons producers. With the information and arguments contained in this report, concerned citizens can put pressure on these and other financial institutions around the world to end their support for the nuclear weapons industry. It covers many of the same firms listed in RCW's Dirty Dozen, but it is more contemporary material and also includes details on banks and other private investment bodies that profit from nuclear weapons production.