



**A Call to the World Leaders
on the creation of the Global Alliance of Leaders
for the Nuclear Security and Nuclear Weapons Free World**

As members of the **Consultative Council of the Astana Club** we call for joint efforts in times when the nuclear risks are once again on the rise.

We commit to expanding our voice for a nuclear weapons free world by the inclusion of more world leaders of excellence and influence.

We deplore the ongoing erosion of the fundamental norms and principles embodied in arms control and nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament treaties.

Today with estimated **13 400** nuclear warheads spread around the world. “The possible use of a nuclear weapons is all together greater than it has been since the darkest days of the Cold War due to a combination of several factors”, as has been warned by United Nations Secretary General António Guterres and UN High Representative for Disarmament Izumi Nakamitsu several times recently. **We have reached a critical tipping point that compels action.**

The Doomsday Clock of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists was set to 100 seconds to midnight in year 2020, closer than ever since the clock was introduced in 1947.

In light of the above, we call for the clear affirmation of all states that:

“A nuclear war can never be won and thus must never be fought.”

We emphasize the importance of the **Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons** as a basis for the movement towards a world free of nuclear weapons and the imperative that nonproliferation and disarmament commitments made by all parties to the treaty be fulfilled.

We urge all States that have not signed or ratified the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty to do so in order to reach **a complete and universal ban on nuclear testing.**

We call for organizing direct talks on nuclear security, nonproliferation and disarmament between **all permanent members of the UN Security Council** in the as soon as possible. Leaders of these countries bear special responsibility for the future of the world. Further, we call upon all states with nuclear weapons to join such deliberations at the earliest possible time.

This call emanates from Kazakhstan and informed by the suffering of its people from the nearly **500 nuclear test explosions** on its soil and the **terrible cost** in health

and well-being inflicted upon its citizens and its noble example of having voluntarily given up an arsenal in excess of over 1,400 nuclear warheads.

We call on all political and social leaders who care about nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation to unite with us in the **Global Alliance of Leaders for the Nuclear Security and Nuclear Weapons Free World.**

ONLY THROUGH JOINT EFFORTS CAN WE BUILD A FUTURE WORLD FREE FROM THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR.