

Signatures for Nuclear Arms Abolition Presented to the United Nations

A petition with 13 million signatures in support of nuclear arms abolition was presented Oct. 26 to U.N. Deputy Secretary-General Louise Frechette by SGI representatives. The SGI signature-gathering effort was part of the Abolition 2000 International Petition campaign sponsored by the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation. The petition calls for a de-alerting of all nuclear weapons, a signed treaty by the year 2000 for the phased elimination of all nuclear weapons from Earth and a reallocation of resources from military purposes to human needs. The SGI effort was led by Soka Gakkai members in Japan, where most of the signatures were gathered, and members in New Zealand, Italy, England and Australia also participated. David Krieger, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation president, said, "Each of these signatures is a voice of hope — hope that we can forever end the most terrible threat that humanity has ever faced...."

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