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Yesterday at 8 AM Washington time and 3 PM Moscow time the attached letter to Presidents Putin and Biden was delivered to their governments urging them to use the upcoming Summit to address the growing danger of nuclear war. It calls on them to re-affirm the judgement of Presidents Gorbachev and Reagan that "nuclear war can never be won and must never be fought." The Appeal was organized by IPPNW and Pugwash in cooperation with the Arms Control Association, and signed by a list of Russian and US experts. It also calls on the two Presidents to commence an ongoing strategic dialogue to "re-discover the road to a world free of nuclear weapons."

The list of signatories includes Peter Buijs, M.D., chair of the Netherlands IPPNW, who initiated the Appeal; Igor Ivanov, former Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation; Academician Alexandre Dynkin, Chair, Russian Pugwash Committee; William J. Perry, former U.S. Secretary of Defense; Amb. Sergio Duarte, president of the Pugwash Conferences; General Vyacheslav Trubnikov, IMEMO (Institute of World Economy and International Relations); Joan Rohlfing, president of the Nuclear Threat Initiative; Edmund G. Brown Jr., former Governor of California Executive Chair of the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*; and Colonel General Victor Esin, former chief of staff, Russian Strategic Missile Forces.

**High-Level Group Issues Appeal to Biden and Putin to Reduce Nuclear Weapons Dangers**  
*Call for Results-Oriented Dialogue to Rediscover the Road to a World Free of Nuclear Weapons*  
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The statement was organized by leaders of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize winner, the Pugwash Conference on Science and Global Affairs, the recipient of the 1995 Nobel Prize for Peace, and the Arms Control Association.

In the statement, which was delivered to the two governments on June 7, the signatories urge the two presidents to: "Commit to a bilateral strategic dialogue that is regular, frequent, comprehensive and result oriented leading to further reduction of the nuclear risk hanging over the world and to the re-discovery of the road to a world free of nuclear weapons."

Sergey Batsanov of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs emphasized that the summit "could be a launching point for talks on strategic stability in all its aspects. Stability is being eroded by multiple factors- geopolitical, technological, military, doctrinal and others - raising the threat of nuclear war and undermining security of all states. Addressing this issue would also facilitate new nuclear arms control and disarmament negotiations."

Ira Helfand, past president of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, said: "It is urgent that President Biden and President Putin reaffirm the ground-breaking statement issued by Gorbachev and Reagan in 1985 that 'a nuclear war can not be won and must never be fought.'" "U.S. and Russia are still armed with thousands of nuclear weapons. It is by no means certain that the two sides will continue to have enough good luck, responsible leadership, and managerial competence to avoid catastrophe," warned Rachel Bronson, president of the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*. "We urge the two presidents to seize the opportunity their summit provides to put us back on the road toward a world free of nuclear weapons."

Among the other signatories of the Appeal are: Peter Buijs, M.D., chair of the Netherlands IPPNW, who initiated the Appeal; Igor Ivanov, former Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation; Academician Alexandre Dynkin, Chair, Russian Pugwash Committee; William J. Perry, former U.S. Secretary of Defense; Amb. Sergio Duarte, president of the Pugwash Conferences; General Vyacheslav Trubnikov, IMEMO (Institute of World Economy and International Relations); Joan Rohlfing, president of the Nuclear Threat Initiative; Edmund G. Brown Jr., former Governor of California Executive Chair of the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*; and Colonel General Victor Esin, former chief of staff, Russian Strategic Missile Forces.

The full text of the appeal and the complete list of signers is available online at the websites of the Arms Control Association, the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, and the Pugwash Conference.

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