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We as women claim peace as a human right.

We are committed to:

- A world free of nuclear weapons
- A world where national security is built on mutual cooperation rather than military superiority
- A world where resources are used for human needs, not weapons
- A world where individuals and nations are free to determine their own future
- A world where people are not conditioned to accept or perpetuate violence
- A world in which governments promote peaceful means of conflict resolution

Nuclear weapons pose an intolerable risk to all life. We as women reject any foreign policy which threatens the use of nuclear weapons in order to maintain political and economic control. Although women constitute over half the world's population, we have been virtually excluded from the formulation and implementation of foreign policy. We will exercise our right to participate in decisions about military and other national security issues.

We urge all candidates and present office holders to address the centrality of the peace issue and include in their platforms the following priorities:

1. Achieving Nuclear Disarmament

Nuclear weapons pose the greatest threat to humanity; therefore, the elimination of nuclear arms is our immediate priority. As steps towards this goal, the U.S. and U.S.S.R. should halt the production, testing and deployment of all nuclear weapons.

We support:

- A comprehensive bilateral ban on nuclear weapons testing, first on warheads, then on missiles.
 - The elimination of all offensive and defensive weapons in space, including SDI and ASAT.
 - The preservation of existing nuclear arms treaties, specifically the ABM and SALT II treaties.
 - The signing and ratification of the U.S. - U.S.S.R. INF treaty and the removal of tactical nuclear weapons from Europe.
 - A halt to the production and deployment of the Trident II (D-5) missiles and other first strike weapons.
 - Deep reductions in long range strategic nuclear weapons.
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