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## بيان عن " نزع السلاح "

نزع السلاح " صادر من مادة مطبوعة باللغة الانجليزية، تتضمن بيان عن ".  
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Resolution of the WIDF Bureau on Disarmament

Convinced that ending the arms race, eliminating the threat of a nuclear war, and disarmament to be the most urgent and imperative tasks in the contemporary world, the Bureau of the Women's International Democratic Federation, meeting in Berlin, GDR from 17 to 19 February 1978, calls on the national organizations to further intensify their action to consolidate peace and prevent war.

The Bureau notes with satisfaction the successes achieved in the process of political detente and stresses that a stable peace can be assured through the simultaneous development of political and military detente. It expresses its deep concern over the continuation and acceleration of the arms race, which has assumed new and more dangerous forms. Nuclear weapons already stockpiled are equal to 4 million atomic bombs of the type which destroyed Hiroshima. Particular concern is occasioned by the U.S. plans to begin manufacturing a qualitatively new weapon of mass destruction, the neutron bomb, and the intention to site it in Western Europe. The attempt to present the neutron bomb as a normal defensive weapon is inadmissible. Scientists are of the opinion that it is an aggressive weapon intended for the massive destruction of life. The neutron bomb is an unprecedented threat to the human race; its effects can extend over more than ten generations. The production of this horrible weapon would mean a new round of the arms race.

The world-wide movement to protest against the manufacturing and stockpiling of the neutron bomb and to demand the abolition of nuclear weapons expresses the deep wish and determination of millions of men and women to stop the arms race and to safeguard the future of mankind.

In their daily lives, women and their families are feeling the effects of the arms race to an increasing extent. Consequently they are mobilized to have a part of the vast resources it consumes used to tackle the imperative tasks facing humanity, such as the eradication of disease, hunger and illiteracy, improvement of the living conditions of millions of people, and economic and social progress in the developing countries.

The arms race complicates the political situation, sows fear and suspicion in international relations, and increases the danger of armed conflicts. It hinders the establishment of a New International Economic Order, a vital question for the developing countries.

Noting the growing contribution of women all over the world to the common struggle of the peoples for peace, disarmament and international detente, the WIDF Bureau declares that it is more necessary today than ever before for women to undertake common efforts and take more energetic action in all countries, nuclear and non-nuclear, large and small, developed and developing, to prevent a new round of the arms race and a nuclear catastrophe.

The WIDF Bureau appeals to the international, regional and national women's organizations to join forces, develop and deepen their co-operation and take still more intense action to help build confidence and mutual understanding and strengthen public sentiment in favour of disarmament. It calls on governments and parliaments, political parties and social movements to urge the inter-governmental organizations and the United Nations to do everything within their power and jurisdiction in favour of:

- conclusion of international treaties on the complete and general prohibition of nuclear weapons, prohibition of their use, production and stockpiling, prohibition of all nuclear tests, as well as the destruction of all existing stocks;
- prohibition of the production of the neutron bomb and the development of new types and systems of weapons of mass destruction;
- establishment of de-nuclearized zones;
- renunciation of the use of force or the threat of force in international relations and peaceful settlement of all disputes through negotiations;
- abolition of military pacts and withdrawal of foreign military bases;
- complete prohibition of chemical weapons, Napalm and other incendiary bombs;
- implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of Bacteriological Weapons by all States;
- reduction of military budgets and use of the funds released to enhance the well-being of all peoples.

The WIDF confirms its intention to intensify its co-operation with other social forces to achieve a lasting peace and banish war forever from the life of humanity. The WIDF stresses the importance of explaining the catastrophe and horrors of a nuclear war and of promoting education in a spirit of peace.

The WIDF reiterates its confidence that women, mothers who give life, will do everything they can to ensure peace on earth.

The WIDF welcomes the convocation of the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly devoted to Disarmament for May and June 1978 and urges the national organizations to see that their respective governments make a constructive contribution to its proceedings. The success of this Special Session could be a milestone on the road to a World Disarmament Conference, which should take place as soon as possible with the participation of all States.

The peoples of the world want total disarmament and expect concrete steps towards disarmament to be taken, for this is the only way that life can be safeguarded and the urgent problems of our time solved.