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We call on President Biden to declare and implement a “No First Use” policy and to take nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert.

We call on President Biden to sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which was approved by a vote of 122-1 by the UN General Assembly and has now gone into effect.

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