

Resolution of Council

29 October 2018

Item 13.2

International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons Cities Appeal

Moved by Councillor Scully, seconded by Councillor Scott -

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- (iii) at this time the Treaty has been signed by 69 nations and ratified by 19 nations. Once ratified by 50 nations, it will enter into force;
- (iv) while the Australian Government supports the goal of a world free of nuclear weapons, it has not yet signed or ratified the Treaty;
- (v) cities in the United States independently began to add their support to this cause, and inspired by them, ICAN will soon launch the Cities Appeal, a campaign for towns and cities to voice their concern for the consequences of nuclear weapons and endorse the Treaty; and
- (vi) the City of Sydney is a member of Mayors for Peace, an international organisation which calls for nuclear disarmament;

(B) Council congratulate ICAN on their historic achievement and contribution toward global nuclear disarmament;

- (C) the City of Sydney endorse the ICAN Cities Appeal which states that:

"Our city is deeply concerned about the grave threat that nuclear weapons pose to communities throughout the world. We firmly believe that our residents have the right to live in a world free from this threat. Any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental, would have catastrophic, far-reaching and long-lasting consequences for people and the environment. Therefore, we warmly welcome the adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons by the United Nations in 2018, and we call on our national government to sign and ratify it without delay"; and

- (D) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Foreign Affairs Minister calling for the government to sign and ratify the Treaty on behalf of the Australian people.

Note – the above motion was not carried. The resolution as follows was carried -

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Carried unanimously.

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