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Effects of Nuclear War on Public Health

Nuclear weapons are instruments of mass death, systemic violence, and environmental annihilation. Their production, testing, and use are rooted in exploitation, colonialism, and corporate impunity.

The Military-Industrial Complex profits from endless militarization, selling “deterrence” while enabling disproportionate violence and shielding nuclear states from accountability. This toxic alliance of arms profiteering and political power prioritizes weapons over human rights, deepening occupation, pollution, and injustice.

The health consequences of nuclear war are irreversible. No health system can withstand planetary-scale devastation. Disarmament is not just an option. It is a public health imperative.

We therefore urge Member States to adopt this resolution, empower the WHO to report on nuclear harms, and reject the false legitimacy of nuclear arsenals. The survival of people and planet demands courage. Disarm now, before it’s too late.