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MUNICIPALITY OF TIRANA

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Subject: Letter of support

ICAN

Place de Cornavin 2, 1201 Genève, Switzerland

I write in strong support to the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapon. In joining the “ICAN Cities Appeal”, the city of Tirana supports the work and efforts of this coalition of non-governmental organizations to stop the threat of nuclear weapons to people everywhere.

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, and we call on our national government to sign and ratify it without delay.

Through this letter, I also want to acknowledg the Pathways to Peace organization to the United Nations and its representative Mr. Rinor Jani for their advocacy efforts towards nuclear disarmament in Albania and working with the city of Tirana to join the ICAN Cities Appeal.

In conclusion, the city of Tirana is committed to joining cities across the world that are taking the lead in the fight to end nuclear weapons. We are the first city in Albania to join this initiative and in doing so we hope to serve as an example for other Albanian cities throughout the country. Let us work together tirelessly until the day when nuclear weapons are no longer a threat to humanity.

Sincerely,

ERION VEKLIU
MAYOR OF TIRANA

