

NOTICE OF MEETING
PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

A G E N D A

DATE: Monday, September 27, 2004

TIME: 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
(sandwiches will be provided)

PLACE: Strathcona Meeting Room
Sub-Ground, City Hall

Note to Members: Please advise Denise Salmon at 604.873.7269 or email denise_salmon@city.vancouver.bc.ca if you are unable to attend this meeting

APOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of July 27, 2004, to be adopted.

1. Public Participation Invitee

Mr. David Morgan, Veterans Against Nuclear Arms (VANA), will speak with the Committee on the nuclear-armed missile *Launch-on-Warning* threat. The attached background material refers.

2. Sub-Committee Updates/Reports

a. Citizen Peace Award Sub-Committee

b. Peace and Justice WebSite Sub-Committee

<http://www.peaceandjustice.ca>

c. Public Participation Sub-Committee

The minutes from the August 9, 2004, sub-committee meeting are attached and refer. Also attached for the Committee's consideration is a draft of the Directory of Peace and Justice Organizations (limited distribution). The sub-committee is seeking two motions from the Committee:

- To approve a recommendation to Council regarding the establishment of a millennium peace park; and
- To approve the final design of the banner.

A copy of the proposed Peace and Justice Committee banner is attached for the Committee's consideration.

d. World Peace Forum Sub-Committee

For legal reasons it is essential that the WPF Society and the Peace and Justice Committee both record in their minutes that the Simons Foundation is officially a partner in the WPF 2006 project.

The attached material refers:

- copy of the First Announcement re the World Peace Forum; and
- letter dated August 28, 2004, from Mr. Wartel, volunteer, Leonard Peltier Defense Committee Canada, regarding the 2006 World Peace Forum

e. Other Cities and Councils Liaison Sub-Committee

f. Justice Sub-Committee

At its July 27th meeting, Gail Davidson advised Mr. Richardson, Pivot Legal Society, had provided additional background information on policing issues which would be circulated to Justice Sub-Committee members for report back to the next meeting.

g. Star Wars Agenda Sub-Committee

3. Cities for Peace

Gail Davidson will speak to this item. A proposed resolution from Marin county regarding exposure to radioactive or radiological weapons is attached and refers.

4. Updates/Upcoming Events

5. New Business

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, November 29, 2004
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Strathcona Meeting Room
Sub-Ground, City Hall

NOTE FROM CLERK: To better serve the Committee, I will provide additional copies of the agenda package on the food table adjacent the sandwiches. Please help yourself.

SUPPORTS ITEM NO. 1
P&J COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 27, 2004

Veterans Against Nuclear Arms (VANA)
Veterans Contre les Armes Nucleaires
CANADA

7678 Davies St, Burnaby, BC, V3N 3H4 Tel:604-525-7147

Honorary Members

Dr. Joseph Rotblat, Nobel Peace Laureate 1995.

Dr. Hans Bethe, Nobel Physics Laureate, 1967

Moredechai Vanunu, Ashkelon Prison, Israel

Dr. Helen Caldicott, Nuclear Policy Research Institute, Washington, DC

Executive

David Morgan, President, Ed Livingston, Cynthia Llewellyn, Secretary,

Ted Powis, Treasurer, Basil Robinson, Membership Sec,

At large: Emil Grieshaber, Dr. Ed Shaffer.

Date: 19 July 2004

To: Vancouver City Peace and Justice Committee,
Vancouver City Hall, 453 West 12th Avenue,
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Re: The nuclear-armed missile *Launch-on-Warning* threat

Dear Members of the Peace and Justice Committee:

Veterans Against Nuclear Arms is a veteran's organization with two-hundred-and-thirty members, from coast to coast in Canada. Most of us are in our eighties. Yet at an age when most seniors are content to nod asleep in a garden chair, we are tackling a threat to the human race which could wipe out civilization by this time tomorrow.

This is the threat from US and Russian nuclear-armed missiles which have remained on "Launch-On-Warning" readiness, without interruption, since the nineteen-seventies. The end of the Cold War made no difference. More than five-thousand of these weapons are ready to fire *right-now*. A summary of the facts of this situation accompanies this letter.

Veterans Against Nuclear Arms is concentrating its efforts on the Launch-On-Warning threat.

I would like to appear before the Peace and Justice Committee to:

1. Show why this issue should be a priority concern for your committee.
2. Explain ways in which this issue can be tackled by your committee.

Yours truly,

David Morgan, VANA National President
Tel: 604-525-7147

July 2004
Veterans Against Nuclear Arms (VANA)
Summary of Launch-On-Warning facts

1. **The combined explosive power of US & Russian strategic N-weapons**, on missiles, ready to fire *right-now*, is approximately two-thousand-nine-hundred (2,900) megatons. (FAS, 2004)
2. **Even one quarter of this firepower(725Mt)** could be enough to destroy the world's major cities, massively pollute the world with radioactive fallout, destroy world supplies and distribution of food, water, fuels, power and other human necessities, resulting in uncontrollable starvation, epidemics and social disintegration. Civilization could be destroyed.
3. **The threshold for Nuclear Winter** is a one-hundred (100) megaton exchange. So a 700 megaton exchange would result in a Nuclear Winter with freezing temperatures even in the tropics, frozen water supplies, widespread deaths from cold and world-wide crop failure. Added to the death-toll from fire, blast and fallout, Nuclear Winter makes the extinction of human life on this planet a worst-case possibility. (Moisseyev, 1986)
4. **These missiles are on hair-trigger-alert & ready to launch-on-warning, right now.**
"Warning crews in Cheyenne Mountain, Colo., are allowed only three minutes to judge whether initial attack indications from satellite and ground sensors are valid or false." Blair, 2003
5. **Dangers of an accidental missile launch are real and on-going**
"The early warning and command systems on both sides are inherently susceptible to mistakes and technical malfunctions, and serious false alarms of incoming nuclear strikes have occurred on both sides since the official end of the Cold War." (Blair, Bruce 16 February 2004)
6. **De-alerting all these missiles is the most urgent task facing the human race.**
."the nuclear hair-trigger constitutes a continuing danger of apocalyptic proportions." (Blair, Bruce 16 February 2004)

References

1. Blair, Bruce G., PH.D., President Center for Defense Information, Washington, DC, former missile launch officer. 16 Feb 2004, *Keeping Presidents in the Nuclear Dark*
----- 5 Dec 2003, *Rogue States, nuclear red herrings*
2. Center For Defense Information(CDI), 2003 *Nuclear facts at a glance*, website:
<http://www.cdi.org/nuclear/facts-at-a-glance.cfm>
3. Federation of American Scientists (FAS) website, 2004
http://www.fas.org/nuke/guide/usa/icbm/lgm-30_3.htm
4. Moisseyev, Nikita. 1986. *Man, nature and the future of civilization*, Moscow: Novosti.

The future of the human race is too important a matter to be decided in three minutes by military officers in the US or Russia .

Notes from the meeting of the Public Participation Sub-Committee, Monday Aug 9/04

Present: David Askew, Amanda Camley, Sam Phillipoff,

Regrets: Tom Anthony

1. Street Banners:

Sam reported that a committee has been struck on the initiative of the Vancouver School Board to coordinate the design and production of banners. The committee is Chaired by Valerie Overgaard, Assistant Superintendent of the Board and includes representatives from city and school board staff, Parks Board, and the Vancouver Elementary and Secondary Schools Teachers Associations. Sam and Jane are representing the VPJC on the committee. The jurisdiction for banners rests with a number of different authorities; in communities with Business Improvement Areas, the authority rests with the BIA, there is a City committee with authority for other city streets and schools can put up banners around their own school. The City committee will be making decisions for 2006 in October 2004. This school board committee will be liaising with the various authorities to gain cooperation for the project. There is considerable enthusiasm for the project, some schools such as Tupper have been thinking about doing something like this and some high schools have the facilities for producing banners. There is an annual budget of \$75 - \$100,000 for street decoration. The committee is targeting 2006 but some banners could be produced earlier.

2. Millennium Peace Park

Proposed motion for VPJC (to go to Council): We recommend that the City of Vancouver establish a Millennium Peace Park adjacent to the community garden and children's park at Grandview/?Uuqinak'uuh School, said Park to be established prior the 2006 World Peace Forum..

Sam will speak to this motion at the VPJC meeting in September. Establishment of the park will require cooperation between the City, School Board and Parks Board

3. The Committee reviewed the draft banner which designer Garth Yule had prepared. Amanda will circulate the draft to members of the VPJC and ask for feedback so that a final design can be presented to the committee for approval at the September meeting.

4. Amanda presented a draft of the Directory of Peace and Justice Organizations that she has prepared. It will be circulated to VPJC members. Amanda is drafting a cover letter to go with the directory when it is distributed. The Public Participation sub-committee wants to ensure that the benefits and uses of the directory are pointed out to the organizations to which it may benefit and also to use it as a vehicle for other organizations to connect and cooperate with the VPJC. We discussed distribution to other organizations such as environmental organizations who may want to connect with peace organizations with a view to participating in the peace forum for example,

environmental organizations might want to focus on the adverse environmental impacts of war, health organizations on both the short term and long term health impacts (Agent Orange and depleted uranium were suggested as examples of impacts causing long term health effects).

Notes prepared by David Askew, August 10, 2004



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an advisory committee to the City of Vancouver

SUPPORTS ITEM NO. 2c
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WORLD PEACE FORUM

SUPPORTS ITEM NO. 2d
P&J COMMITTEE
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First Announcement
World Peace Forum 2006 Preparatory Conference
November 26-27, 2004
Vancouver, B.C.

Cities and Communities: Working Together to Stop War, and Build Peace and Justice

Vancouver City Council has adopted in principle the proposal that a World Peace Forum be held in Vancouver in June 2006 in conjunction with the World Urban Forum. As part of the preparations for such a forum, a conference will be held on Friday and Saturday, November 26-27 in Vancouver, Canada. The objective of this conference is to discuss a draft vision and program for World Peace Forum 2006 and to network on current issues facing the peace movement including building solidarity with the people of Iraq, abolishing nuclear weapons, and stopping Canadian participation in Ballistic Missile Defence (star wars). The conference will include both plenary sessions and workshops.

(If you know of others who may be interested in this conference, please feel free to pass on this invitation.)

For further information and/or to register, please contact:

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August 28, 2004

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The Vancouver Peace and Justice Committee

Subject: Proposal for 2006 Peace Forum

Dear Peace and Justice Committee Members,

Can the Committee consider the following for the 2006 Peace Forum:

1. Have a huge day of conscious music and entertainment featuring Ani diFranco, Janeane Garofalo (actress-comedienne and spokewoman for the Institute for Cooperation in Space, <http://www.peaceinspace.org>), Michael Franti, Bruce Cockburn, Michael Moore and many other prominent people;
2. Adopt Leonard Peltier as the Forum's Honoree;
3. Allow a banner with Leonard's picture and statement "Free Leonard Peltier--The Kyoto Accord Prisoner and North America's Nelson Mandela" to be prominently displayed;
4. Honour John Graham with a banner if his case hasn't been resolved;
5. Invite lawyer Jennifer Harbury to speak about Leonard (her statement here: http://www.freepeltier.org/peltier_faq.htm) and Dr. Angela Davis, one of the very first people to warn Americans that Leonard was a political prisoner; and
6. Invite John Graham's lawyer to speak (Terry LaLiberte, 604-669-8808).

Purpose:

- Leonard Peltier is North America's Nelson Mandela. Mr. Mandela and The Dalai Lama want him freed (see International Supporters list, and the website documentation page, enclosed).
- Leonard was extradited from the Vancouver region 28 years ago.
- Leonard's struggle is deeply emblematic of the global effort for peace, disarmament and justice--particularly for First Nation People and the poor of all colours.
- Leonard tried to stop uranium and coal mining, challenging the powerful conglomerates that are the engine of the extremely profitable military industrial complex. Fundamentally for that he is being severely persecuted.
- Just as Nelson Mandela's freedom was inseparable from the South African anti-apartheid movement, we must elevate Leonard to the same status in the peace and justice movement.

- Leonard is a 2004 Nobel Peace Prize nominee. The Nobel Institute's decision is in October.

Robert Redford's *Incident at Oglala*, about Leonard's struggle, is available for rent in Vancouver at Videomatica, Celluloid Drug Store Videos and Applause Video. If you would like a copy of Leonard's poignant and spiritual book *Prison Writings--My Life Is My Sundance*, let me know and I will get you a free copy. Otherwise People's Coop Books has it, 1391 Commercial.

John Graham is the fellow under house arrest in Vancouver fighting extradition for murdering Anne Mae Aquash. Overwhelming amounts of evidence shows he had nothing to do with it, but is being similiarly persecuted like Leonard. He too was involved with the American Indian Movement trying to stop uranium mining (documentation at <http://www.grahamdefense.org/photoalbum2.htm>).

Central recognition at the 2006 Peace Forum of Mr. Peltier and Mr. Graham (if his case has not been resolved) would do the following:

1. Create visibility for their immediate freedom struggle;
2. Affirm the specific link between their persecution, our local responsibility, and the historical effort for peace and justice;
3. Raise significant visibility about the systemic human rights violations occuring on our continent resultng in the criminalization of dissent and poverty; and
4. Begin the long dialogue about the concept called *prison abolition*, increasingly considered the logical alternative to political persecution and failed attempts at preventing "crime."

Sincerely,


Larry Wartel

NOTE FROM CLERK:

Additional Background Material on
File in the City Clerk's Office

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RESOLUTION 2004 - _____
**A RESOLUTION OF THE MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROTECTING RESIDENTS OF MARIN COUNTY FROM EXPOSURE TO
RADIOACTIVE OR RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS INCLUDING DEPLETED URANIUM
(DU) AND FROM EXPOSURE TO ANY AREA CONTAMINATED BY IONIZING
RADIATION INCLUDING DEPLETED URANIUM (DU), AND REQUESTING THE
INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (ICC) TO PROSECUTE THE USE OF
WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OR
ANY OTHER ENTITY TO BE A WAR CRIME, GENOCIDE, AND OMNICIDE, DULY
PUNISHABLE BY LAW.**

WHEREAS, approximately 13,000 Gulf War I veterans are now dead as a result of injuries and illnesses incurred while participating in military operations between August 1990 and October 1991. As of August 2004, 518,739 disabled Gulf-era veterans were on disability. All military troops and all civilians presently in Iraq, Yugoslavia and Afghanistan are continually being exposed to this radioactive depleted uranium contamination, other war related contaminants, water- and food-borne illnesses, and endemic diseases every second they remain there; and

WHEREAS, the United States government and military have been aware since 1943 of the genocidal and omnicidal nature of Radioactive and Radiological weapons including Uranium weapons. An October 30, 1943 Manhattan Project (nuclear weapons project) memo, recommends that radiological materials be developed for use as a poison gas warfare weapon on the battlefield, and is a blueprint for radioactive and radiological weapons including depleted uranium weaponry. This memorandum, received by Commanding General Groves, describes the properties of DU weapons and states:

"... The material ... ground into particles of microscopic size ...would be distributed in the form of dust and smoke by ground fired projectiles, land vehicles and bombs... inhaled by personnel... There are no known methods of treatment for such casualty... areas so contaminated by radioactive dusts and smokes would be dangerous as long as high concentration of metal was maintained...reservoirs or wells would be contaminated...food poisoned ...particles larger than 1 micron would be deposited in the nose, trachea and bronchi... particles smaller than 1 micron are more likely to be deposited in alveoli where they will remain ...or be absorbed into the lymphatics or blood...Beta and gamma emitting fission products... may be absorbed by the blood and distributed to the whole body."
**Declassified Manhattan Project Memo to General L.R. Groves, Oct. 30, 1943 referred to in:
Final Written Opinion of Judge Niloufer Bhagwat, March 10, 2004
International Criminal Tribunal For Afghanistan at Tokyo, Japan; and**

WHEREAS, under US Government law, radioactive and radiological weapons meet the US definition of Weapons of Mass Destruction, and are therefore in violation of US Military Law, and are defined as:

"US CODE, TITLE 50 > CHAPTER 40 > Sec. 2302:

The term "weapon of mass destruction" means any weapon or device that is intended, or has the capability, to cause death or serious bodily injury to a significant number of people through the release, dissemination, or impact of - (A) toxic or poisonous chemicals or their precursors; (B) a disease organism; or (C) radiation or radioactivity"

WHEREAS, the International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion, of July 8 1996 on the issue of whether nuclear weapons are legal or illegal held by a majority that :
" The Court recognizes that the environment is under daily threat and that the use of nuclear weapons could constitute a catastrophe for the environment. The Court also recognizes that the environment is not an abstraction but represents the living space, the quality of life and the very health of human beings including generations of the unborn... respect for the environment is one of the elements that go to assessing whether an action is in conformity with the principles of necessity and proportionality..."; and

WHEREAS, The International Court of Justice has by a majority held that International Humanitarian Law as reflected in existing Conventions and in customary International Law prohibits the use of weapons that:

- (i.) Cause unnecessary suffering to combatants and others;
- (ii.) That are incapable of distinguishing between civilian and military targets;
- (iii.) That kills people in a neutral state (as through nuclear winter);
- (iv.) That is not proportional to the attack suffered;
- (v.) That does permanent damage to the Environment; and

WHEREAS, transboundary contamination occurs when atmospheric transport takes radioactive and radiological aerosols everywhere until they are deposited in the environment by rain and snow. Radioactive and radiological materials including uranium have a concentrating mechanism in the atmosphere where they act as nucleating agents for rain, snow, and fog. Atmospheric convection cells pull in more moisture for droplets or snowflakes that grow until they are big enough to fall to the ground. This will lead to contamination of the biosphere which includes the air and surface of the earth including water and food supplies and affects all forms of life.

WHEREAS, radioactive and radiological pollution in the environment enters the body and causes internal exposure to radioactive emitters, with three effects (1) radiation, (2) chemical, (3) particulate. Radioactive and radiological materials act synergistically with chemicals, and radiation effects are greatly intensified when aerosols are in the nano-particle size range. Uranium has an affinity for phosphate structures including the DNA, and the Master Code which controls the expression of the DNA, causing birth defects, prolonged suffering, and lingering illnesses for those exposed and in future generations:

"Our collective gene pool of life, evolving for hundreds of millions of years has been seriously damaged in less than the past fifty. The time remaining to reverse this

culture of 'lemming death' is on the wane. In the future, what will you tell our grandchildren about what you did in the prime of your life to turn around this death process?" (Rosalie Bertell, 1982); and

WHEREAS, Due to "the properties of DU weapons; its radioactive particles travelling through air, water and food sources; it is not only countries where these weapons are used which are in the affected zone, but all countries within a radius of approximately 1000 miles of the use of DU weapons; due to the wind factor and atmospheric dusts; a map was displayed indicating the countries in the DU affected zone from the use of the weaponry in Afghanistan and Iraq, placed on record of this Tribunal which indicates that Iran, Pakistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Russia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, China, and India are among the countries affected by the use of DU weaponry in Afghanistan; and Saudi Arabia, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Israel, Turkey, Iran are among the countries affected by the use DU weapons in Iraq during both the military attacks against Iraq."

*Final Written Opinion of Judge Niloufer Bhagwat, March 10, 2004.
International Criminal Tribunal For Afghanistan at Tokyo; and*

WHEREAS, the use of radioactive and radiological weapons including Uranium Weapons by the US government as "dirty" bombs, "dirty" missiles and "dirty" bullets may continue to escalate as a weapon against civilian populations in broad regions, and which is now threatening the health of the environment and the health of the global community:

"Should humans be so stupid as to continue both technological escalation and wars between nation-states, radiological warfare might well be a far more safe and humane way to conduct extermination of large numbers of people, or the emptying out of troublesome political centres, than any of the various biological alternatives."; and

WHEREAS, the deployment and use of DU Weapons violates the principles of international environmental and human rights protection. They contradict the right to life established by the Resolution 1996/16 of the UN Subcommittee on Human Rights: (United Nations Resolution 1996/16 On Stopping The Use Of Depleted Uranium – DU); and

WHEREAS, United Nations Resolution 1996/16 On Stopping The Use Of Depleted Uranium states that:

"the military use of DU Weapons violates current international humanitarian law, including the principle that there is no unlimited right to choose the means and methods of warfare (Art. 22 Hague Convention VI (HCIV); Art. 35 of the Additional Protocol to the Geneva (GP1); the ban on

causing unnecessary suffering and superfluous injury (Art. 23 §1e HCIV; Art. 35 §2 GP1), indiscriminate warfare (Art. 51 §4c and 5b GP1) as well as the use of poison or poisoned weapons”; and

WHEREAS, the International Criminal Tribunal For Afghanistan at Tokyo, Final Written Opinion of Judge Niloufer Bhagwat of March 10, 2004, held as follows:

“Recommendations : (A).Immediate cessation of the use of Depleted Uranium Munitions-Moratorium on production, stockpiling and manufacture .

- i. “It has been conclusively proved that DU Weapons are Radioactive, Omnicidal nuclear weapons (the by product of the uranium enrichment process of manufacture of nuclear weapons and nuclear fuel) used as weapons of "silent genocide " in Afghanistan, Iraq and the Balkans and destructive of all life on earth; irreversibly altering the genetic code of all exposed. The manufacture, stockpiling and use of such weapons is strictly prohibited by existing Conventions of International Humanitarian Law and must cease immediately. Corporations producing these weapons, heads of State, heads and personnel of Defense departments, military officers and others involved in decisions for its use, are liable to be criminally prosecuted before the International Criminal Court, or within national legal systems, and /or face suits for compensation”; and

WHEREAS, A 2003 independent report for the European Parliament by the European Committee on Radiation Risk (ECRR), reports that based on Chernobyl studies, low level radiation risk is 100 to 1000 times greater than the International Committee for Radiation Protection models estimate which are based on the flawed Atomic and Hydrogen Bomb Studies conducted by the US Government. Referring to the extreme killing effects of radiation on biological systems, Dr. Rosalie Bertell, one of the 46 international radiation expert authors of the ECRR report, describes it as:

"The concept of species annihilation means a relatively swift, deliberately induced end to history, culture, science, biological reproduction and memory. It is the ultimate human rejection of the gift of life, an act which requires a new word to describe it: omnicide." ; and

WHEREAS, the International Criminal Court at The Hague (ICC) has been established because “this past century has seen some of the worst atrocities in the history of humanity. In too many cases, these crimes have been committed with impunity, which has only encouraged others to flout the laws of humanity.” The International Criminal Court is designed to “end impunity and the gross violations of international humanitarian law the past century has witnessed;” and

WHEREAS, the International Criminal Court (ICC) has “jurisdiction to prosecute individuals for the most horrific of crimes: genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. The jurisdiction of the ICC will be complementary to national courts, which means that it will only act when countries are unable or unwilling to investigate or prosecute. The ICC also has strong protections for due process, procedural safeguards to protect it from abuse, and furthers victims' rights and gender justice under international law.”

AND WHEREAS, the Marin County Board of Supervisors is responsible for ensuring the general safety, health, well-being, and public security of its community, residents, families, children, as well as the integrity of its environment, and natural ecology.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Uranium Weapons-free Zone – Any research, design, testing, manufacture, storage, transportation, transfer, sales, or any use of Uranium weapons, including any components thereof, in Marin County, California is permanently prohibited.
2. No person of any age, race, color, gender or sexual orientation who is a legal resident of Marin County, California, shall be required to subject herself or himself to exposure to any Uranium Weapon, or to any area which is in any measurable way contaminated by Uranium or other radioactive materials, regardless of whether such a person is or is not a member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America or of any other entity. Any such person may avail her or himself of this Resolution as a prima facie defense against any civil, criminal, or military law liability for refusal to subject her or himself to such exposure to Uranium Weapons or radioactive contaminated areas.
3. It is the political will of the Marin County Board of Supervisors that the International Criminal Court (ICC) prosecute the use of Radioactive and Radiological Weapons by the United States of America or any other entity to be a war crime, genocide, and omnicide, duly punishable by law, as Weapons of Mass Destruction are a case of war crime, genocide, and omnicide where “countries are unable or unwilling to investigate or prosecute.” The International Criminal Court (ICC) has jurisdiction over the United States of America and any other entity using such Weapons of Mass Destruction to commit war crime, genocide, and omnicide.
4. This Resolution be sent to the National League of Cities, with a recommendation that the Resolution be distributed to and adopted by the 49 state municipal leagues and by the approximately 1,800 member cities, towns, and villages of all sizes in every state, as well as by the 18,000 municipalities through the member state municipal leagues.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held on this _____ day of _____, 2004, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS

NOES:

ABSENT:

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST: