

**Comment by the President of Mayors for Peace
regarding the publication of the UK's Integrated Review
of Security, Defense, Development and Foreign Policy**

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The United Kingdom's announcement to increase its total nuclear warheads ceiling by over 40 percent is of great concern for us all who long for a world without nuclear weapons.

Its implementation would run counter to the nuclear disarmament obligation of NPT States Parties and reverse three decades of nuclear weapon reduction policy by the United Kingdom. Such steps can only result in further acceleration of the arms race and weakening international security and stability.

I strongly call on the UK government to fully understand that nuclear deterrence policy is utterly senseless, given the inhumanity of these weapons, and to commit to the realization of a world without them.