

# A Vigil for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons in Germany and Worldwide

In Japan on August 9th 1945 Nagasaki became the second city after Hiroshima to be destroyed by a single nuclear bomb. It was dropped by an American warplane. More than a hundred thousand human beings died immediately or within a few months. People suffered from endless and horrible pain. Nowadays such weapons are much stronger. They are deployed as missiles and bombs on submarines and in many countries around the world. In Europe we have worldwide the highest density of such weapons of mass destruction. They are stationed in eight European countries - all critically close to each other. In Germany the US nuclear bombs are to be flown by German warplanes.



None of the wars worldwide or now in the Ukraine have been prevented by the nuclear deterrent regime, but they are increasing the danger of nuclear strikes whether intended or accidental, due to false alarms. The reaction time will be too short to discover the mistake. The political tensions with proxy wars increase the probability of human self-destruction be it sooner or later. For this reason and also because of the insufficient reaction to climate change, the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists has now set the Doomsday Clock at ninety seconds to midnight. This means the nearest point ever to the beginning of Doomsday – during the Western-Soviet Cold War Era, or since.

**We demand that all states possessing nuclear weapons join the UN-Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and abolish all nuclear weapons. We also demand the removal of all US nuclear weapons from our country and the ratification of the UN-treaty also by the German state.**

The destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki must not be allowed to be repeated anywhere in the world! **For this reason we hold our vigil on the ninth day of every month from 5 pm to 6 pm in spring and summer and from 2 pm to 3 pm in autumn and winter - here near the Brandenburger Tor.**

**Initiative „Berlin Vigil for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons – Worldwide!“**

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*Mankind's memory for suffering endured is astonishingly short. Their imagination for potential suffering is almost even less ... All too many already seem to us like dead people, like people who already have behind them what they have ahead of them, so little do they do against it.*

*From a speech by Bertolt Brecht 1952*

*Mankind invented the atomic bomb, but no mouse would ever construct a mouse-trap. A new way of thinking is necessary if mankind wants to live on. Problems can never be solved with the same mindset that created them.*

*Albert Einstein*