Editor,

January 22, 2021, will be a historic day. That’s the day the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons enters into force.

Because the US has not signed or ratified the Treaty, the legal prohibitions do not technically apply to us. But the Treaty, representing the will of 122 nations of the world who want us to keep the promise we made in 1970 to disarm “at an early date” still has compelling moral force.

Across the country and around the globe people will celebrate the Treaty with banner hangings, bell-ringing, visits and letters to elected officials, public readings of the Treaty, and more.

US leaders have long said we have a special obligation to lead the way to nuclear abolition. It’s time to put that commitment on the dotted line—sign the Treaty and lift the nuclear shadow that has loomed over the world for 75 years!

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