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The Honourable Marc Garneau, M.P. Minister of Foreign Affairs House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Via email: marc.garneau@parl.gc.ca

Dear Minister Garneau:

Re: UN TREATY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

At the Regular Council meeting on March 29, 2021, White Rock Council received a delegation regarding the UN Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Council unanimously adopted a resolution of support for the Mayors for Peace Appeal and agreed to send a letter voicing our support for Canada to move forward with other countries in signing the UN Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

The Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons is a significant step that Canada should be taking in an effort to eradicate the use and possession of Nuclear Weapons. Nuclear weapons put all our cities at risk and the potential impacts of nuclear war would cause catastrophic humanitarian and environmental harm. We therefore encourage the government to consider signing this treaty, and to change the policy that currently supports the use of nuclear weapons.

If you have any question, please contact Tracey Arthur, Director of Corporate Administration, at tarthur@whiterockcity.ca or 604-541-2212.

Sincerely,

Darryl Walker, Mayor

cc: White Rock Council

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Kerry-Lynne Findlay, MP, South Surrey-White Rock