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TAKE ACTION NOW

Call on Presidential Candidates to Ban Cluster Bombs

In May 2008, 111 nations met in Dublin to initiate a global treaty banning cluster bombs. The U.S. has been absent from these meetings, and President Bush has no plans to sign the treaty. Cluster bombs release many smaller bombs, all of which do not explode on impact, leaving unexploded weapons that continue to kill innocent people for years. Cluster bombs are also costly to locate and remove. The U.S. is one of the leading producers and users of cluster bombs.

Take Action Now:

Contact the presidential candidates and request their commitment to sign a treaty banning cluster bombs. Go to [Common Dreams](http://CommonDreams.org) to send a letter to the presidential candidates.

Extra!

Daisy Alliance announces the [2009 Student Scholarship Essay Contest](#). Visit our website for more information.

Feature Articles

The U.S. Air Force and Nuclear Weapons

During the Cold War, the U.S. Air Force played an important strategic role as the main group responsible for delivering nuclear weapons. As their focus changed to conventional weapons following the end of the Cold War, though, the Air Force has become somewhat obsolete in nuclear weapons policy. Lawrence Korb describes the role of the Air Force and nuclear weapons in the coming years. [Full Story - Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists](#)

How Effective is the Missile Defense System?

President Bush has announced his intentions to place missile interceptors in Europe, and is close to making a deal with Poland. Just how effective are these missile interceptors, though? Richard Garwin argues that this defense system is not as effective as the President claims. [Full Story - Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists](#)

G-8 Leaders Invited to Hiroshima Museum

Emiko Okada, a survivor of the Hiroshima atomic bomb, sent letters to the G-8 leaders, requesting that they visit Hiroshima and the Peace Memorial Museum during their annual summit meeting next month in Japan. All eight of the leaders refused, citing time constraints. According to its mayor, Tadakoshi Akiba, Hiroshima is one of the leading campaigners for 20:20 Vision, a proposal to eliminate all nuclear weapons by the year 2020. [Full Story - Common Dreams](#)

Opinion: Is the NPT a Relic From the Cold War?

July 1st is the 40th anniversary of the signing of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT). At the height of the Cold War, the NPT forged a new path in international politics by derailing nuclear proliferation. With a new wave of proliferation and a renewed importance on nuclear weapons by the U.S. and Russia, it is not certain that NPT will continue to be effective in the coming years. Can the NPT survive for the next forty years? [Full Story - DA Blog](#)