



## Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

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Dear Mr Key

The Women's International League For Peace and Freedom Aotearoa Section commends the contribution made by the New Zealand delegation during the recent UNGA 70 disarmament deliberations, in particular the New Zealand vote in support of L37, L38 & L40 and the explanation of the votes for the Humanitarian Pledge and the Ethical Imperatives.

We urge you to ensure that New Zealand continues to take a leading role in the ongoing work of the Open Ended Working Group towards multilateral nuclear disarmament and ultimately to the creation of a nuclear weapon free world.

In view of the New Zealand stance on nuclear weapons demonstrated at UNGA 70, we urge you to reconsider the invitation to countries which use nuclear-powered ships to send naval vessels to the New Zealand Navy 75th anniversary celebrations in 2016.

Yours sincerely

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