

Enough spending on nuclear weapons!

News from France

Mouvement de la Paix, a French non-governmental organization founded in 1948 is dedicated to promoting peace, opposing wars and nuclear weapons. It reiterates its opposition to the military programming law 2019-2025, which devotes 295 billion to an increase in the military budget. Concretely, from 34 billion to 44 billion per year, it brings this expenditure to 2% of France's GDP (which is of 2,200 billions), the highest increase in military spending. This represents an increase from 8.5% to more than 11.3% of the state budget (386 Billion/year). This is no less than 37 billion for the modernisation of the French nuclear force by 2025. "The cost of nuclear deterrence will double to 6 billion euros per year by 2030".

By modernizing its weapons and dedicating such an increase in its budget, France loses its credibility to prevent other countries from gaining access to nuclear weapons. These nuclear weapons are illegal, dangerous, costly, militarily useless and ethically unacceptable. All other weapons of mass destruction are prohibited. There is an urgent need to ratify the treaty banning nuclear weapons, which was voted in July 2017 at the United Nations.

Enough spending on these weapons of mass destruction!

Mouvement de la Paix is strongly involved in the campaign against nuclear weapons, for instance by its participation in the celebration of the International Day of Peace 21 September. It is also "fighting" against militarization of space and against the arms trade with in

particular the mobilizations against
the Eurosatory exhibition, held every
two years in June in Paris Villepinte.
What an honor for France if this
country would renounce
modernizing its nuclear arsenal and
to commit itself to disarmament!

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