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Cc: Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Affairs
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Nuclear Weapons and the Integrated Review

Dear Prime Minister,

We are writing to you as a wide coalition of civil society, health and humanitarian organisations in response to the announcement of a dramatic expansion in the UK's nuclear posture outlined in the UK's Integrated Review, published on 16 March 2021.

This announcement is incompatible with the principles and commitments to non-proliferation, disarmament and transparency to which Britain has committed under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). We are concerned that the Review cites an "evolving security environment" as justification for changing nuclear policies without presenting any evidence-based analysis on how increasing reliance on nuclear weapons will affect British security. We note that these concerns are shared by many defence experts, former senior military figures and politicians on all sides of the political spectrum. In Scotland, which carries the major burdens of UK nuclear deployments despite strong opposition to nuclear weapons, as underscored in the May 2021 election result, this decision is widely viewed as dangerous, disrespectful and inflammatory.

Perceptions matter. According to the UN Secretary-General, the UK's plans are "contrary to its obligations under Article VI of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty" and could have a "damaging impact on global stability and efforts to pursue a world free of nuclear weapons". As we approach the NPT's 5 yearly Review Conference, the UK's nuclear expansion flies in the face of global efforts to secure consensus on a shared action plan for global nuclear proliferation and disarmament. The Integrated Review fails to take into account today's real security priorities and new multilateral opportunities to accelerate global progress on disarmament, such as the new UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), which is supported by over 130 NPT states.

At a time when Britain and nations across the world continue to tackle the global public health crisis and collapsing economic systems with long-term consequences, we urge you to rethink the government's security and budgetary priorities, uphold international law including the NPT, and reject pressures to increase the nuclear arsenal or widen nuclear use policies.

We would appreciate the opportunity of meeting representatives from your Government to discuss this matter further.

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