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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Dear Foreign Secretary,

On Friday, the United Nations General Assembly has the opportunity to establish a far-reaching and urgent scientific project to examine the physical effects and societal consequences of a nuclear war.

The resolution, '**Nuclear war effects and scientific research**' has been submitted by countries including Brazil, Chile, Ireland, Kiribati, Mexico, New Zealand, Philippines and South Africa. Alarmed at the renewed prospect of a nuclear war, they have come together, determined to raise awareness among future generations of the new challenges to international peace and security. They argue that major advances in climatic and scientific modelling can help shape new thinking to address the urgent challenges of nuclear disarmament.

And so, we find it absolutely astonishing that Britain is apparently mobilising against such an obvious and sensible course of action.

We urge the British government to rethink such damaging actions, and instead vote in favour of the resolution at the UN General Assembly on Friday, which includes renewing its commitment to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.

We all know that a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought. Every effort must be made to avert such a danger.

Kind regards,

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