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EBCO celebrates the entry into force of the Nuclear Ban Treaty

Nuclear weapons now illegal under international law!

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"After decades of lobbying and campaigning, it’s now a reality! Nuclear weapons have now become illegal under international law. This is a ground breaking step towards a world free of nuclear weapons!”, Alexia Tsouni, EBCO president stated today.

Nuclear weapons have always been more immoral than other weapons, because they target the civilian population, and because a nuclear war means the end of life on our planet. Now they are also illegal in all respects under international law, with the entry into force of the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons on 22 January 2021.

EBCO celebrates this landmark agreement, which was adopted at the United Nations in 2017 with the overwhelming support of the international community. It is the first globally applicable treaty that categorically prohibits the most destructive, inhumane instruments of war ever created. It is also the first to put in place a framework for verifiably and irreversibly eliminating nuclear weapons, and for assisting the victims of their use and testing.

More info in the booklet of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN): https://www.icanw.org/how_the_treaty_works

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