

Nuclear Weapons: Tool for Perpetual Peace or Threat of Global Annihilation?

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*ICAN's campaign to prohibit nuclear weapons was conducive to the historic October 2016 **UN General Assembly Resolution L.41** to convene negotiations on a "legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination".*

The voting result was 123 nations in favour and 38 against, with 16 abstentions. All the nuclear weapons states with one notable exception voted NO (against), with China, Pakistan and India abstaining.

North Korea was the only declared nuclear weapons state which voted YES at the UN General Assembly, in favor of the prohibition of nuclear weapons under Resolution L.41.

Nobody knows about this. WHY: Because the mainstream media has not mentioned it ("Fake News" through Omission) or as in the case of The Guardian and Bloomberg, the DPRK was casually lumped together with the other nuclear weapons states which voted NO (against the resolution).

"Oops News". "We made a mistake". We did not really check the UN General Assembly documents. See the Ottawa Citizen quoting Bloomberg, with a CORRECTION, see below:

On Thursday at the United Nations there was a vote on establishing negotiations for a treaty banning nuclear weapons. 123 nations voted in favour of the resolution.

But those nations with nuclear weapons, including the U.S., Russia, China, North Korea, France and others voted against it, Bloomberg news service noted in its article. Canada also voted against the resolution (38 nations, including many NATO nations, opposed the effort to ban nuclear weapons....16 others abstained).

UPDATE: A couple of Defence Watch readers have pointed out that the original Bloomberg article incorrectly noted that North Korea voted against the resolution when in fact it voted in favour of the resolution. I couldn't find the UN vote tally but a list compiled by disarmament specialists can be seen here: <http://reachingcriticalwill.org/images/documents/Disarmament-fora/1com/1com16/votes/L41.pdf>

Screenshot of Ottawa Citizen, October 28, 2016

The Guardian report (below) lumps North Korea together with the nine nuclear weapons states.

The resolution aims to hold a conference in March 2017 to negotiate a “legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination”.

Support for a ban treaty has been growing steadily over months of negotiations, but it has no support from the nine known nuclear states – the US, China, France, Britain, Russia, India, Pakistan, Israel and [North Korea](#) – which includes the veto-wielding permanent five members of the security council.

But Australia has been the most outspoken of the non-nuclear states.

Screenshot of [The Guardian, October 2016](#)

The Guardian article (screenshot above) is misleading.

The vote is the following (Nine Nuclear Weapons States):

North Korea Voted YES,

U.S. Britain France, Russia, Israel, voted NO.

India, Pakistan and China abstained.

Australia was correctly described in the Guardian as “outspoken” (ally of US, UK): [Australia was among the 38 countries which voted NO to Resolution L.41.](#)

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