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Dear friends,

We first thank PNND and sen. Roberto Cotti for the invitation, and we'll try to make our active contribution to your discussion.

The urgent need for nuclear disarmament is under everyone eyes, so that the Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided to award the Nobel Peace Prize for 2017 to us, ICAN, International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, founded in 2007 by the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, Nobel Peace Prize Organization in 1985, whose Italian section I chair.

The Prize has been awarded for being successfully able to obtain, at the United Nations and after a long global initiative and close collaboration between International Physicians and Red Cross / Red Crescent International Committee started in Rome on April 2010, the Conference and - historically - the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

The Nobel Prize winner's statement explicitly refers to the urgency of the aggravated crisis situation because of the rapid development of the North Korean nuclear program and the actual threat of nuclear war.

Similarly, thirty years ago, when the Prize was awarded to IPPNW, they focused on the role we had in the resumption of the US / USSR dialogue on the urgent need for the dismantling of nuclear weapons from Europe, which actually took place two years later.

Only thirty years later we could reveal that thanks to an Italian research, those talks and INF Treaty started from the concept of unintentional nuclear war, namely for technical or human error, or terrorist use of nuclear weapons.

So, re-reading the Declaration on the Nobel Peace Prize this year, and in the face of the seriousness of the actual and concrete threat of a nuclear war between the US and North Korea, the Italian Section of IPPNW, Italian Affiliate of ICAN, feels on duty to propose to the Italian Parliament, a mission to Pyongyang to illustrate the scientific concepts of Nuclear Famine and Nuclear Winter which were the basis of the global initiative that led to the Treaty that, after chemical, bacteriological, mining, cluster weapons Treaties, finally take to ban the nuclear weapons too.

The Italian Constitution is based on work, health and peace.

The IPPNW has indicated from longtime "peace through health" as its fundamental roadmap, on which we also built the path towards the effective abolition of nuclear weapons. We therefore ask our today interlocutors to build an initiative in this direction, tin order to illustrate in spirit of pacification to one of the two direct interlocutors of the serious crisis, the catastrophic humanitarian impact that even a limited nuclear war would make, leading to

death (for climate and biological phenomena mentioned above) about two billion people in the mid-term, in both hemispheres of the planet.

A former Los Alamos Laboratories Director recently stated that a “red line” between North Korea and the United States should be established as soon as possible to avoid the unintentional triggering of a nuclear war for accidents at the confines of the airspace.

The mission we propose would be a success in itself if will be able to contribute, indirectly or directly, illustrating the concepts of Nuclear Winter, Nuclear Famine and Nuclear Non-Intentional War, to urge the development of such an emergency channel of communication between these opposing Nuclear States.

Thanks for your attention

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