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## Stakeholder submission for the 41st session of the Universal Periodic Review

### Report on India

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) is a campaign coalition of over 600 non-government organizations in over one hundred countries. Following the historic achievement of the adoption of the nuclear weapons ban treaty, ICAN now campaigns for all States to sign, ratify or accede to the Treaty as a matter of urgency, take measures towards the global elimination of all nuclear weapons, and provide assistance to the victims of the humanitarian and environmental impact of nuclear weapon tests in the Pacific and elsewhere.

ICAN was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017 for "its work to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons and for its groundbreaking efforts to achieve a treaty-based prohibition of such weapons."

#### National Human Rights Framework

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons has clear references to and implications for human rights law and practice. Preambular paragraph 8 reaffirms "the need for all States at all times to comply with applicable international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law" The most relevant rights concern from a nuclear weapons attack is the right to life, other relevant rights concerns include the prohibition of inhuman and degrading treatment, the right to a home and to property, as well as rights violations resulting from nuclear weapons testing.

#### Nuclear weapons possessing state

ICAN regrets that India is a nuclear-weapon possessing state. India possesses approximately 160 nuclear weapons<sup>1</sup>, which it can launch from missiles and, most likely, aircraft. It may also be able to launch them from submarines. India conducted

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<sup>1</sup> <https://fas.org/issues/nuclear-weapons/status-world-nuclear-forces/>



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three nuclear tests in 1974 and 1998. In 2020, India spent an estimated US\$2.4 billion<sup>2</sup> to build and maintain its nuclear forces.

ICAN calls upon India to take immediate steps to remove all nuclear weapons from its territory and to sign, ratify or accede to the TPNW, as a matter of international urgency.

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<sup>2</sup> [https://www.icanw.org/2020\\_global\\_nuclear\\_weapons\\_spending\\_complicit](https://www.icanw.org/2020_global_nuclear_weapons_spending_complicit)