

The Nuclear Arms Race in Europe

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The 21st Triennial Congress of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom,

Considering that the most significant concentration of weapons of all types, especially nuclear weapons, is found in Europe and that a danger exists of a further buildup of more destructive weapons just in this area,

Affirming as stated by several research institutes that a close balance between the NATO and the Warsaw Pact countries already exists concerning land-based nuclear weapons and other types of nuclear weapons centred on the European theatre,

Convinced that freezing of this balance must be an essential start for negotiations for the reduction of the potential danger existing in Europe,

Urges strongly that the governments involved take initial steps for an annulment of the decision of deployment of 572 medium-range missiles as decided by NATO in December last year and a halt to further deployment of the SS-20 missiles on the Soviet side.