



ICA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Geneva, Switzerland

Co-operatives and Nuclear Disarmament

Resolution adopted on 20 November 2009

The ICA at its General Assembly in Geneva on 20 November 2009,

NOTING that twenty years have passed since the end of the Cold War and that at the time there was the view that the world would be extricated from the stress of the war and that a new period of peace and affluence would begin,

AWARE that economic inequality will lead to an increasing number of disputes and conflicts around the world and these will continue to challenge the attainment of international peace,

FURTHER NOTING that pandemics, natural disasters, starvation and poverty, climate change and the depletion of biological diversity create additional instability,

RECOGNISING that we live in a time propitious to coming together as co-operators with the same philosophy to enable us to face the difficult challenges in our time,

AFFIRMING that the world needs Co-operation today more than ever before

NOTING that for more than 60 years, the existence of nuclear weapons has constituted one of the greatest challenges to mankind alongside that of Global Warming,

FURTHER NOTING that these nuclear weapons can destroy all life on our planet,

CONCERNED that despite the continuous efforts of world leaders and the Nobel Peace Prize Laureates and peoples' movements calling on-going movements in the world today for nuclear disarmament and the complete elimination of nuclear weapons, there continues to be a proliferation of nuclear weapons and an increasing risk of their use,

AWARE that in 2010, the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) member states will hold a review conference on the treaty,

CALLS on ICA member organisations to lobby their governments to support concrete action towards nuclear disarmament and the destruction of nuclear weapons,

URGES that co-operators worldwide appeal for the elimination of starvation and poverty, call for world stabilisation and prosperity and build a peaceful world without nuclear weapons.