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Lawyers' Committee on Nuclear Policy (LCNP), founded in 1981, is a New York-based non-profit educational association of lawyers, legal scholars, and citizens that engages in legal and policy research, education, and advocacy in support of nuclear arms control, disarmament, and non-proliferation, and rule-of-law based global security, in national and international settings. In the early 1990s, LCNP was a central organizer of the global campaign to obtain an opinion on nuclear weapons from the International Court of Justice; in the mid-1990s, coordinated a group of NGOs and experts that drafted a model

nuclear weapons convention; and in 2003, with the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research, produced *Rule of Power or Rule of Law? An Assessment of U.S. Policies and Actions Regarding Security-Related Treaties*. LCNP provides information and analysis to citizens' groups, professional associations, the media, U.S. officials and members of Congress, government missions to the United Nations and UN officials, and parliamentarians and officials in other countries. The organization is also deeply engaged in national and international networks and campaigns for nuclear disarmament and global security, and collaborates extensively with other groups. LCNP is the principal U.S. affiliate of the International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms (IALANA).

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Western States Legal Foundation (WSLF), a nonprofit organization founded in 1982 and based in Oakland, California, seeks to abolish nuclear weapons as an essential step in making possible a more secure, just, and environmentally sustainable world. With a local focus on the Livermore nuclear weapons laboratory, WSLF provides independent information and analysis about U.S. nuclear weapons in the context of related foreign and domestic policies for a wide range of audiences ranging from local church groups to United Nations conferences. WSLF grew out of the movement against nuclear power and weapons in the early 1980s. Originally founded to provide legal assistance to nonviolent activists, WSLF's program has expanded to encompass a broad range of research, advocacy and organizing. WSLF has helped to build and sustain local, national and international networks while remaining firmly based in a local organizing context. Grounded in commitments to nonviolence and international law, WSLF strives to provide information, analysis, and advocacy that is professional in quality and rooted in the values of the social movements it serves. WSLF has increasingly sought to link nuclear disarmament with global and domestic issues of peace, justice and sustainability. WSLF is affiliated with IALANA.

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Reaching Critical Will (RCW), a project of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, was launched by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom in 1999 in order to increase the quality and quantity of civil society at international fora that address nuclear weapons and other disarmament and security matters. Nuclear disarmament will require coordinated and sustained effort on the part of governments, non-governmental organizations and the United Nations, so Reaching Critical Will encourages people to act and contribute to international disarmament fora. For non-governmental organizations and concerned individuals to act, they need information, primary documents and analysis. Reaching Critical Will collects, packages and often translates disarmament related information into terms ordinary people can understand. Based in New York, Reaching Critical Will centralizes and disseminates information, especially through its website, www.reachingcriticalwill.org, about international disarmament processes, and increases the quality and quantity of NGO preparation and participation in these processes. The project also enhances collaborations among NGOs working on nuclear disarmament by creating opportunities for NGOs to strategize and work together, facilitating e-discussions, organizing joint publications, brokering and coordinating higher quality collaborative NGO presentations to governments, and generating regular newsletters and reports to transmit NGO opinions and analysis to governments. Additionally, the project has served as a valuable source of information and NGO analysis for governments.

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