THE RIGHT TO LIFE VS. NUCLEAR WEAPONS: A BOLD INTERVENTION BY THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Lawyers Committee § on Nuclear Policy

YOU ARE INVITED… to a discussion, on the **70th anniversary** of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, with:

★ **Roger S. Clark**, Board of Governors Professor of Law, Rutgers Law; member of the legal team for the Marshall Islands in its nuclear disarmament cases in the International Court of Justice

★ **Ariana Smith**, law student, CUNY School of Law, and Sorensen Center for International Peace and Justice Fellow; intern for Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy

★ **Peter Weiss**, President Emeritus, Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy; President Emeritus, International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms; Advisory Board, European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights; pioneering human rights lawyer

★ **John Burroughs** (moderator), Executive Director, Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy

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On October 30, 2018, the United Nations Human Rights Committee adopted a new General Comment on the right to life set out in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Paragraph 66 begins:

> "The threat or use of weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons, which are indiscriminate in effect and are of a nature to cause destruction of human life on a catastrophic scale is incompatible with respect for the right to life and may amount to a crime under international law."

It additionally affirms the obligations

> "to pursue in good faith negotiations in order to achieve the aim of nuclear disarmament" and "to afford adequate reparation to victims whose right to life has been or is being adversely affected by the testing or use of weapons of mass destruction."

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1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

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