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à Monsieur le Président ou Madame le Présidente
et Mesdames et/ou Messieurs les juges
Tribunal Correctionnel de Dijon
aux bons soins de **Me Dominique Clémang, avocate**

Edinburgh, 20th January 2021

**Ministère public / Jacques Bourgoïn, Jean-Marc Convers & Étienne Godinot,
Audience du vendredi 12 février 2021 à 14 h**

Mr. or Ms. President of the court, Ladies and / or Gentlemen Judges,

We are writing to you as citizens of the United Kingdom, but above all as Europeans and citizens of the world, concerned with promoting peace and security in the world, and ensuring respect for the rights of citizens, for freedom of expression and of holding authorities to account, and for public debate, in our own country, in neighbouring countries, and wherever they are threatened.

Founded in 1997, with more than 150 members and supporters, our movement works for nuclear disarmament in our own country, and for the non-violent resolution of conflicts and friendship and cooperation between peoples. Our campaigning and our commitment are based on the conviction that all nuclear weapons are illegal under international humanitarian law, a conviction which has now been confirmed by the entry into force of the UN Treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons. Accordingly, we are in full solidarity with campaigns against nuclear weapons wherever they take place, and we feel particularly concerned by the debates raised by this question in France, a neighbouring country with which our English, Scottish and Welsh peoples, and we personally, are bound by relationships of friendship and solidarity.

We are resolutely opposed to the Teutates Treaty by which the United Kingdom and France, without public debate, have committed to ruinous, immoral military nuclear cooperation, in a way which is directly contrary to the provisions of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, of which the two countries are signatories. Like our partner associations in France, we want active cooperation between the United Kingdom and France, but cooperation focused on the benefits that we can jointly bring to our peoples and to humanity, not on the development of weapons of mass destruction.

We are working in close collaboration with our partners in France, and will continue to consult with them to denounce the Teutates Treaty, and to promote among our two peoples the

ideal of beneficial cooperation and the dismantling by our two countries of nuclear arsenals that threaten the whole earth.

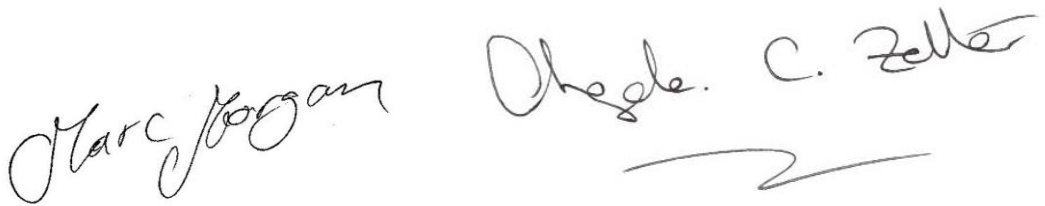
We have undertaken many joint actions with our French partners, and are very surprised to learn that three of your fellow citizens are threatened with criminal sanctions after years of respectful protests, and requests for a dialogue which has been denied to them.

We would like to show our solidarity with the three campaigners who, on July 9, 2020, of necessity because of the refusal of dialogue by the CEA, entered the Valduc site by car in an area near the 'Castle' where access is open, to deploy and photograph a banner calling for the reconversion of the site. We can attest to the integrity and strictly non-violent commitment of all the actors, associations and individuals - including all of the defendants - with whom we have cooperated in the context of common and cross-border actions.

We sincerely hope that your Tribunal will be able to demonstrate its independence and justice and release the defendants in view of the state of necessity in which these whistleblowers were. We would draw from this a strong signal that would allow us to hope that cross-Channel friendship and cooperation can serve the peaceful ends demanded and needed by our peoples.

In this hope, please be assured, Members of the Court, of our respectful consideration.

For Trident Ploughshares,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. On the left is the signature of Marc Morgan, and on the right is the signature of Angie C. Zelter. The signature of Angie C. Zelter includes a long horizontal flourish underneath the name.

Marc MORGAN et Angie ZELTER