



The United Nations Association of Southern Arizona endorses the film ***Countdown to Zero*** and associated petitions and discussion groups as actions consistent with United Nations Security Council positions and UNA-USA positions on nuclear arms reductions and negotiations.

For UNA-USA information on this issue, see: <http://www.unausa.org/Page.aspx?pid=751>

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## Tucson Film

Free entrance to premiere film screening of  
***Countdown to Zero***

August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in El Con Mall in Tucson

For regular tickets and posted show times  
for August 20<sup>th</sup> showing contact: **CineMark**  
Theatre at El Con Mall 3601 East Broadway Blvd.  
(520) 202 – 3358  
<http://www.cinemark.com/tspage.asp>  
> Arizona > Tucson – Century 20 El Con

## Demand Zero

**COUNTDOWN TO ZERO** is a film that traces the history of the atomic bomb from its origins to the present state of global affairs: nine nations possess nuclear weapons capabilities with others racing to join them, with the world held in a delicate balance that could be shattered by an act of terrorism, failed diplomacy, or a simple accident. Written and directed by acclaimed documentarian Lucy Walker (*Devil's Playground*, *Blindsight*), the film features an array of important international statesmen, including Jimmy Carter, Mikhail Gorbachev, Pervez Musharraf and Tony Blair. Magnolia Pictures is releasing the film in North America; HISTORY™ has North American broadcast rights. The film was produced by Academy Award® winner and 2009 nominee Lawrence Bender (*Inglourious Basterds*, *An Inconvenient Truth*) and developed, financed and executive produced by Participant Media, together with World Security Institute. For more information see: <http://www.takepart.com/zero>

The film's premiere is being held in July and August in select cities in the United States to promote local discussion groups to follow showings in local theatres. Part of the promotional campaign includes the two petitions as well. They can be seen at the url's listed below:



## Actions of the Demand Zero Campaign:

**Demand a World Without Nuclear Weapons, START now!**

<http://www.takepart.com/zero>

**UNA-SA Petition for Nuclear Disarmament:**

[Senate Poised to Act on Nuclear Arms Pact!](#)

## Brief Narrative of International Support

Support for global zero continues to grow at an unprecedented pace, with strong leadership from the United States and Russia.

In September, the United Nations Security Council unanimously adopted a resolution calling for the elimination of all nuclear weapons – a significant step toward an international consensus for this goal.

During the Moscow Summit in July, Presidents Obama and Medvedev announced a framework agreement for new reductions to U.S. and Russian arsenals -- a critical first step toward multilateral negotiations for the elimination of all nuclear weapons. A week later, G8 leaders jointly expressed their support of the Obama-Medvedev effort to eliminate all nuclear weapons and called on all countries to “undertake further steps in nuclear disarmament.”

On April 1, 2009, Presidents Obama and Medvedev had already “committed [their] two countries to achieving a nuclear free world.” The two presidents – the first to ever jointly commit the U.S. and Russia to work for the elimination of all nuclear weapons worldwide – announced that they had “agreed to pursue new and verifiable reductions in [their] strategic offensive arsenals in a step-by-step process, beginning by replacing the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty with a new, legally-binding treaty.” Three days later in Prague, President Obama gave a speech reinforcing his commitment to leading an international effort to eliminate all nuclear weapons and declaring his intention to “seek to include all nuclear weapons states in this endeavor.”

In June 2008 Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh stated: "The pursuit of this goal will enhance not only our security but the security of all other countries. These objectives cannot be achieved through partial methods and approaches. The only effective form of nuclear disarmament and elimination of nuclear weapons is global disarmament."

Prime Minister Gordon Brown, in March 2008, declared that the United Kingdom would work to achieve the goal of "a world that is free from nuclear weapons." And the Pakistani and Chinese governments recently reaffirmed their own long-standing positions in favor of Zero.

In addition to this support from nuclear weapons countries, many leaders of countries without arsenals are advocating for a new effort for Zero, including Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso,



Norwegian Foreign Minister Jonas Gahr Støre, and Dutch Foreign Minister Maxime Verhagen.

The following list is of supporters who have signed onto a campaign to move f

forward a reduction in nuclear arms. Learn more about the campaign allies who are committed to reducing the threat of nuclear weapons worldwide by clicking on the organizations' links:

## Countdown to Zero Alliances

- [American Friends Service Committee](#)
- [British American Security Information Council \(BASIC\)](#)
- [Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists](#)
- [Campaign for a Nuclear Weapons Free World](#)
- [Campus Progress \(Center for American Progress\)](#)
- [Carnegie Endowment for International Peace](#)
- [Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation](#)
- [Center for New American Security](#)
- [Coalition for Peace Action](#)
- [Center for Public Leadership at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government](#)
- [Colorado Coalition for the Prevention of Nuclear War](#)
- [Connect U.S. Fund](#)
- [CorpWatch](#)
- [Council for a Livable World](#)
- [Council on Foreign Relations](#)
- [CSRwire](#)
- [Daisy Alliance](#)
- [Friends Committee on National Legislation](#)
- [Georgia WAND](#)
- [Global Zero](#)
- [Global Security Institute](#)
- [Government Accountability Project](#)
- [Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs](#)
- [Heal Utah](#)
- [Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice](#)
- [Justice Through Music](#)
- [Living Liberally](#)
- [Mainstream Media](#)
- [Moms Rising](#)
- [MoveOn Civic Action](#)
- [National Security Network](#)
- [North Suburban Peace Initiative](#)
- [Nuclear Age Peace Foundation](#)



- [Nuclear Watch of New Mexico](#)
- [Off the Mat into the World](#)
- [Peace Action](#)
- [Peace Action West](#)
- [Physicians for International Prevention of Nuclear War](#)
- [Planetary Security](#)
- [Ploughshares Fund](#)
- [Prague Project](#)
- [Project for Nuclear Awareness](#)
- [Physicians for Social Responsibility](#)
- [RVLDP](#)
- [Southwestern Research and Information Center](#)
- [ThinkProgress \(Center for American Progress\)](#)
- [Tri-Valley CAREs](#)
- [United Nations Association of New York](#)
- [United Nations Association of Southern Arizona](#)
- [Women's Action for New Developments \(WAND\)](#)