

What would good disarmament policy look like?

Minimum requirements for a good disarmament policy



Uphold existing standards

- uphold the legislation prohibiting biological, chemical, nuclear and indiscriminate weapons, including landmines and cluster munitions
- uphold the controls on the export of weapons and military technology
- continue the Disarmament and Arms Control Ministerial portfolio
- ensure any military activity is fully consistent with disarmament, human rights and humanitarian law, and does not leave any unexploded ordnance anywhere



Develop new standards

- enact legislation to ban the development, production, deployment and use of autonomous weapon systems in Aotearoa New Zealand (autonomous weapon systems, also called killer robots, are weapon systems that use AI and sensors to select targets and attack independently, without any meaningful level of human control)



Increase disarmament diplomacy

- increase the level of resourcing for disarmament diplomacy
- promote global implementation of existing disarmament treaties
- promote the development of new disarmament law, for example, to ensure human control over the use of force and to prohibit autonomous weapon systems
- promote implementation of new disarmament standards, for example, around the use of explosive weapons in populated areas



Promote welfare, not warfare

- reduce the level of annual military spending
- cancel the planned multi-billion dollar combat capability upgrade
- transition from armed forces to civilian agencies for fisheries and resource protection, search and rescue, and humanitarian assistance
- focus foreign policy on promoting sustainable peace
- stay away from AUKUS and all other military alliances



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