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## **Air Force Cancels Nuclear Missile Launch from Vandenberg on International Day of Peace**

**Santa Barbara, CA** – In August, the US military announced that it would be testing a Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile on September 21, 2011. The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation took note that September 21 is the International Day of Peace. The Foundation originated an Action Alert in which over 7,000 members sent messages to President Obama urging him to cancel the proposed missile test on the International Day of Peace, and to take other steps consistent with the goals of the International Day of Peace, such as taking US nuclear weapons off of high-alert status.

On September 16, the Air Force Global Strike Command announced that they had canceled the planned test on the International Day of Peace and postponed the launch until an unspecified later date. The reason given for the postponement was the “pending completion of post test analysis of the failed launch that occurred July 27.”

According to David Krieger, President of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, “It makes sense to study previous missile test failures, but one wonders why they would announce a test shortly *after* a failure, and then use the failure as the reason to cancel the new test.”

Krieger continued, “At any rate, it was a bad decision on the part of the government to thumb its nose at the world community by scheduling a nuclear-capable missile test on the International Day of Peace, and it was the right decision to cancel it. It never should have been scheduled in the first place.”

He concluded, “The International Day of Peace will now be a more peaceful day. But the fact remains that both the United States and Russia each maintain about 1,000 nuclear weapons on high-alert status, a Cold War posture that has no place in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. President Obama can take a meaningful step toward his stated goal of a world free of nuclear weapons by taking all US nuclear weapons off high-alert status.”

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