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## Resolution of IPPNW Germany on the occasion of the nuclear catastrophe in Japan

# IPPNW Germany demands the closing down of all nuclear power plants worldwide.

25 years after Chernobyl, and on the day of the catastrophe in Fukushima that resulted in an uncontrolled release of radioactivity, the German affiliate of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) demands that all nuclear power plants worldwide should be closed down. The risks of nuclear technology are uncontrollable even for allegedly safe nuclear power plants of the western world.

IPPNW points out that the population density in Japan is about 15 times higher than it is in the Chernobyl region. (Japan: 337 inhabitants/square kilometre). Depending on the direction of wind and weather situation the health consequences in Japan may be dramatic.

As physicians we wish to emphasise the global health risk that is a result of this catastrophe. The radioactive cloud will not halt at Japan's borders. Increased levels of radioactivity were detected after Chernobyl even several thousands of kilometers away in Japan.

The time has come for politicians to prevail against the mighty lobby of the nuclear industry. It is irresponsible to endanger us citizens for the profit interest of a few companies.

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