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The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods believes that the ongoing SALT process offers the most realistic possibility presently available for containing the potentially catastrophic and wasteful nuclear arms race.

Recognizing that the SALT talks and agreements are but steps in a process toward world peace, we sincerely hope that future SALT agreements will lead to significant reduction of armament levels, thus making more resources available for human needs. The possession and proliferation of nuclear weapons by other countries escalates the threat to world peace which must also be taken into consideration and negotiation by the world community.

Therefore, in conformity with past resolutions calling for disarmament and responsible arms control, and in keeping with the mandate of our faith "to seek peace and pursue it," The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods in Convention assembled, on behalf of its United States members, supports ratification of the SALT II Treaty, not as an end in itself, but as a move toward further reduction of weapons of mass destruction. We urge that multilateral talks aimed at the reduction not only of nuclear armaments but also of conventional weaponry world-wide become part of the SALT process.