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## NUCLEAR FREE ZONE (NEW ZEALAND)

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### A BILL INTITULED

**An Act to give legislative effect in New Zealand to the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 3477 (XXX) endorsing the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the South Pacific and to prohibit nuclear powered ships and nuclear weapons from entering either New Zealand or the territorial sea of New Zealand**

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same,  
10 as follows:

**1. Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Nuclear Free Zone (New Zealand) Act 1976.

**2. Interpretation**—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

15 “Nuclear fuel” means any material which is capable of producing energy by a self sustaining process of nuclear fission:

“Nuclear powered ship” means any ship equipped with a nuclear power plant:

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“Nuclear power plant” means any power plant in which a nuclear reactor is, or is to be, used as the source of power, whether for propulsion of the ship or for any other purpose:

“Nuclear reactor” means any installation containing 5 nuclear fuel in such an arrangement that a self sustained chain process of nuclear fission can occur therein without an additional source of neutrons:

“Nuclear weapon” means any weapon which is powered 10 by nuclear fuel or is armed or is capable of being armed with a nuclear warhead:

“Territorial sea” has the meaning assigned to it by section 3 of the Territorial Sea and Fishing Zone Act 1965.

**3. Act to bind Crown**—This Act shall bind the Crown. 15

**4. Prohibition of nuclear ships**—The entry of any nuclear powered ship into the territorial sea or to any harbour or port in New Zealand is hereby prohibited.

**5. Prohibition of ships or aircraft carrying nuclear weapons**—The entry of any ship or aircraft carrying any 20 nuclear weapon into New Zealand or the territorial sea is hereby prohibited.