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## NIRS SUPPORTS ITALIAN ANTI-NUCLEAR MOVEMENT AND JUNE 12-13 REFERENDUM TO PREVENT NEW NUCLEAR POWER IN ITALY

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On behalf of NIRS' 35, 000 members, we write to express our solidarity with all in the Italian anti-nuclear movement and the June 12-13 referendum to prevent the construction of new nuclear reactors in Italy.

The Fukushima catastrophe has reminded the world that all nuclear reactors are accidents waiting to happen, and that nuclear accidents happen much more frequently than the world's governments and nuclear corporations have stated. If governments fail to act, then it is time for the people of the world to rise up and reject nuclear power. We applaud the people of Italy for doing so.

We believe this referendum offers a historic opportunity for Italy to permanently reject dirty, dangerous and expensive nuclear power and instead embrace a new path to the nuclear-free carbon-free energy future our planet needs and deserves.

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