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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

I am pleased to inform you that the IPU, in cooperation with Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (PNND) and the World Future Council (WFC), will be holding a **Workshop on Good Nuclear Disarmament Practice** on **17 October**, in the context of the 131st Assembly.

The event is part of the programme of work conducted by the IPU over the years to promote nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. This includes the recent adoption, in March of this year, of the landmark Resolution entitled ***Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: The contribution of parliaments.***

Please find attached a Concept Note providing further information about the Workshop, together with a Registration Form. The programme of the Workshop will be issued in the coming weeks and posted on the IPU website.

We would encourage all interested parliamentarians and staff to attend this event, which proposes to generate further parliamentary action in this critical area. The workshop will also help shape a parliamentary input to forthcoming global meetings, including the International Conference on the Humanitarian Consequences of Nuclear Weapons (Vienna, December 2014) and the 2015 Review Conference of the States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).

We hope to see you on 17 October for an informative and fruitful Workshop on this important topic.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Chungong



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Workshop on Good Nuclear Disarmament Practice

IPU Headquarters, 17 October 2014

Background

In recent years, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (PNND) and the World Future Council (WFC) have collaborated successfully to inform and engage parliaments and parliamentarians on the issue of nuclear disarmament.

This has included:

- The adoption, in April 2009, of an IPU consensus Resolution entitled ***Advancing nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament and securing the entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: The role of parliaments*** - <http://www.ipu.org/conf-e/120/120-1.htm>.
- Workshops and sessions at various IPU Assemblies exploring how parliamentarians can further nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament objectives.
- The production of a unique **Parliamentary Handbook on Supporting Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament in 2012**. The Handbook is currently available in English, French, Spanish and Russian and has been made available to all parliaments in the world. Parliamentarians in several countries have been using the Handbook in pursuing nuclear disarmament initiatives.
- The 2013 **Future Policy Award** on disarmament, a joint initiative by the WFC, the IPU and the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs. The winning policies reveal a wide range of policy solutions to disarmament challenges, with an emphasis on nuclear disarmament: Gold Award to the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean, a Silver Award to the New Zealand Nuclear Free Zone, Arms Control and Disarmament Act, as well as an Honourable Mention to Mongolia's Law on its nuclear weapon-free status.
- A landmark resolution, entitled ***Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: The contribution of parliaments***, adopted by the IPU in March 2014 at its 130th Assembly - <http://www.ipu.org/conf-e/130/Res-1.htm>. The resolution *inter alia* calls on parliaments to “work with their governments on eliminating the role of nuclear weapons in security doctrines” and to “use all available tools including committees to monitor national implementation of disarmament commitments, including by scrutinizing legislation, budgets and progress reports.”



The workshop will offer parliamentarians the opportunity to consider the prospect and particulars of adopting national nuclear prohibition legislation, based on the models provided by countries such as Austria, Mongolia, New Zealand and Philippines. In turn, parliamentarians from countries that have rejected nuclear deterrence will highlight the feasibility of achieving security without nuclear weapons. The workshop will also offer parliamentarians from countries that rely on nuclear weapons a chance to examine the roles subscribed to the weapons and evaluate the validity of these roles in order to either reject such roles, promote approaches to phasing out such roles, and/or offer viable alternatives based on cooperative security.

The workshop's agenda will thus cover:

- Nuclear prohibition legislation – its feasibility, form and function.
- Nuclear divestment legislation as a way to bring public expenditure in line with international obligations and strengthen the nuclear prohibition norm.
- The role of nuclear deterrence in security doctrines and possibilities to phase out reliance on deterrence in favour of cooperative security mechanisms.
- The role of parliamentarians in supporting multilateral nuclear disarmament efforts and initiatives.

The workshop will also examine a possible parliamentary contribution to the forthcoming International Conference on the Humanitarian Consequences of Nuclear Weapons, scheduled to take place in Vienna on 8-9 December 2014.



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PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR
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Workshop

Sharing best Nuclear Disarmament Practice to support implementation
of the Inter-Parliamentary Union resolution *Towards a Nuclear-Weapon-Free
World: The Contribution of Parliaments*

17 October 2014

Inter-Parliamentary Union Headquarters,
Chemin du Pommier 5, Geneva, Switzerland

Draft Programme

10:00 – 10:30 Opening

Moderator: Anda Filip, Director, IPU

Speakers:

- Martin Chungong, IPU Secretary General: *Welcome*
- Tarja Cronberg PNND Co-President: *Introduction to PNND*
- Rob van Riet WFC Disarmament Program Coordinator: *Introduction to WFC's Best Policies Project*

10:30 – 11:45 Panel 1 – Nuclear prohibition legislation: Feasibility, form and function

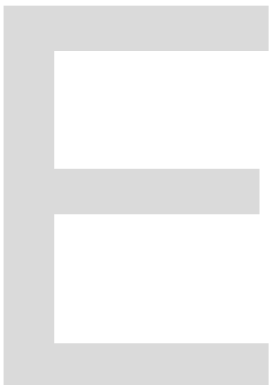
Moderator: Rob van Riet

Speakers:

- H.E. Dell Higgie Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the Conference on Disarmament: *Groundbreaking elements of New Zealand's 1987 anti-nuclear law (tbc)*
- H.E. Enkhsaikhan Jargalsaikhan (Mongolia): *Potential for transferability of Mongolia's nuclear weapon free law*
- Christine Muttonnen MP (Austria): *Austria's anti-nuclear law and the humanitarian consequences process*
- Senator Koko Pimentel (Philippines): *The Philippines constitutional ban on nuclear weapons (tbc)*

Open Discussion: *The role of nuclear prohibition legislation in abolishing nuclear weapons*

11:45 – 12:00 Coffee break



12:00 – 13:00 Panel 2 – Nuclear budgets and divestment: Bringing public expenditure in conformity with international obligations

Moderator: Tarja Cronberg

Speakers:

- Marit Nyabakk MP (Norway): *Impact of the Pension Fund's nuclear divestment practice. (tbc)*
- Barbara Gysi MP (Switzerland): *The Swiss War Materials Act.*
- Jeremy Corbyn MP (UK). *Nuclear weapons and budget issues in the nuclear weapon States (tbc)*

Open Discussion: *Addressing nuclear budgets and sustaining the divestment momentum*

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:00 Panel 3 – Phasing out reliance on nuclear deterrence in favour of cooperative security

Moderator: tbc

Speakers:

- Marc Finaud: *Cooperative security, the United Nations and a nuclear-weapon-free world*
- Uta Zapf: *Promoting cooperative security in regional parliamentary assemblies*
- Representative from OPANAL: *Non-nuclear regional security through NWFZs*

Open discussion: *Phasing out reliance on nuclear deterrence in favour of cooperative security*

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee break

15:15 – 16:15 Panel 4 – Implementing the IPU Resolution: Towards a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World: The contribution of Parliaments

Moderator: tbc

Speakers:

- Jack Mwiimbu MP (Zambia): *Key elements of the Resolution*
- Alyn Ware: *Parliamentary events and actions to advance the resolution*
- Senator Richard Tuheiava (France): *Promoting the resolution in parliaments of nuclear weapon States (tbc)*
- Senator Byrgaman Aitimova (Kazakhstan): *Initiatives by non-nuclear States and their parliaments (tbc)*

Open discussion. *Parliamentary actions to follow-up IPU resolution*

16:00 – 16:10 Conclusions



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Workshop on Good Nuclear Disarmament Practice (IPU Headquarters, 17 October 2014)

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