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Parliamentary actions for a nuclear-weapon-free world

Parliamentary Roundtable during the Vienna Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons

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Tuesday 9 December 2014, 9:00 – 12:00

Concept note:

The catastrophic humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons - compounded by the risk that they could be used by accident, miscalculation or intent - reinforces the political and legal imperative to prohibit and eliminate such weapons. On the other hand, a sizeable number of States still rely on nuclear deterrence for their security. Parliamentarians have responsibilities to eliminate the role of nuclear weapons in security doctrines and to support national, regional and global initiatives to prohibit nuclear weapons and achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world. This roundtable will provide an opportunity for parliamentarians to share examples of parliamentary action, and develop ideas and strategies for further action.

Program

- 9:00 Registration, coffee
- 9:30 Introduction by the Chair: Christine Muttonen MP (PNND Co-President, Austria)
Purpose and outline of the roundtable
Action by non-nuclear parliaments – the example of Austria
- 9:37 Senator Laura Angelica Rojas-Hernandez (Mexico, Chair of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Organisations)
Security without nuclear weapons: From nuclear-weapon-free zones to a nuclear-weapon-free world
- 9:42 Senator Aitimova (PNND Council Member, Kazakhstan)
The humanitarian imperative: abolition of nuclear tests and nuclear weapons
- 9:47 Martin Chungong (IPU Secretary General)
The Inter Parliamentary Union and cooperation amongst parliaments for a nuclear-weapon-free world



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9:52	Rob van Riet, co-editor of the PNND/IPU Handbook <i>Overview of parliamentary practice for nuclear disarmament</i>
9:57	Hon Matt Robson, Former New Zealand Minister for Disarmament <i>National prohibition legislation including divestment</i>
10:02	Jeremy Corbyn MP (UK, Vice-Chair Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament) <i>Engaging/challenging the nuclear-armed States</i>
10:07	Francois de Rugy MP (France, Member, National Assembly Defence Committee) - tbc <i>Engaging/challenging the nuclear-armed States</i>
10:12	Silvio Heinze (ICAN Civil Society Forum) <i>Civil society cooperation with legislators</i>
10:17	Tarja Cronberg (PNND Co-President) <i>Political opportunities for joint parliamentary action in 2015 and beyond</i>
10:22	Open round
11:55	Chair: Christine Muttonen <i>Closing comments</i>

The roundtable will complement other events of relevance to parliamentarians including:

- Public Forum: The Marshall Islands Nuclear Zero Case in the International Court of Justice, Dec 5
- Civil Society Forum on Dec 6-7, where there will be an opportunity for parliamentarians to engage with civil society
- The main conference Dec 8-9