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PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR
NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION
AND DISARMAMENT



REPUBLIK ÖSTERREICH
Parlament

Dear Madam President,

Dear Mr. President,

As you may know, on 8 and 9 December 2014 Austria will host the Vienna Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons. Considering the devastation that would be visited upon all humanity and the environment by the use of nuclear weapons, this conference aims to further explore the humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons as a follow-up to the two previous international conferences in Oslo, Norway, in March 2013 and Nayarit, Mexico, in February 2014.

Austria - aiming for full participation by governmental representatives and experts from all States as well as by relevant international organisations, academia and civil society organisations – has encouraged all States to include **elected representatives such as parliamentarians** and mayors in their delegations. Parliamentarians are also able to attend the conference in their individual capacities or as a member of a non-governmental organisation such as Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament.

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. In this context particular attention should be given to the resolution "[Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the contribution of Parliaments](#)" adopted by the 130th IPU Assembly in March 2014.

We are therefore pleased to invite you / members of your parliament to a **half-day Parliamentary Meeting** to be organized in parallel with the Vienna Conference by the Austrian Parliament, the IPU/Inter-Parliamentary Union and PNND/Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament. This meeting will provide an opportunity for parliamentarians to share examples of parliamentary action and develop ideas and strategies for further action.

It will take place on **9 December 2014 9:00 – 12:00** hrs. on the premises of the Austrian Parliament.



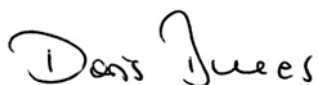
VIENNA CONFERENCE ON
THE HUMANITARIAN IMPACT
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The draft programme and registration form are enclosed. Please note that the working language of the Parliamentary Meeting will be English only. We must stress that the organizers of the Parliamentary Meeting are not in a position to facilitate accreditation to the Vienna Conference and cannot provide hotel accommodation in Vienna and visa assistance for entry into Austria. These matters should be dealt with by each delegation individually, as part of the overall [conference accreditation](#) procedure.

We also draw your attention to two pre-conference forums in Vienna which are open to participation by parliamentarians: a) [Forum on the Marshall Islands nuclear zero cases in the International Court of Justice](#) on December 5; and b) [Civil Society Forum](#) being held on December 6-7.

We sincerely hope that you and/or members of your parliament will take part in the forthcoming Vienna Conference and will also attend the Parliamentary Meeting in the Austrian Parliament.

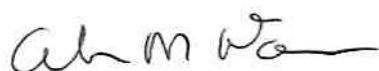
Yours sincerely,



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