

## Rolling Back Militarism: A Task for the Global Movement



INTERNATIONAL PEACE BUREAU ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
NOVEMBER 14-18, 2009

At this time of global economic & environmental *crisis* join activists from International & US based NGOs to find the *opportunity* – this conference is an invitation to engage in a strategic process, to examine our campaigning priorities and options, to explore new ways to challenge the militarism we see around us, and to build international connections and partnerships.

### Explore Issues –

Militarism: where it comes from, where it's going, how to roll it back  
Military bases – voices from around the empire  
Resource conflicts – peak oil, climate change...  
Race, peace, gender – how does it all connect?  
Israel-Palestine – crisis/opportunity  
Iraq-Iran – out of the frying pan into the fire?

### Connect with Communities –

Faith  
Labor unions  
The Global South  
Women  
Youth

- **Learn** ways to help constituents begin to break with the culture and practice of militarism that is now a US legacy
- Set strategies to **achieve** more collaborative, peace-oriented policies from the Obama administration.
- **Rebuild** relations between US peace movement(s), partners abroad, & key leaders from sister organizations.
- **Forge** new alliances and exchange proposals for future joint work.



*Enjoy music, culture & social activities*

When Obama was elected President people around the world sighed in relief; hoping that the individual who spoke out against the War in Iraq would stand for the end of US military aggression and the creation of genuine international peace and justice.

**Now**, deep in the debt and economic crisis created by over 15 years of combined occupation in Iraq and Afghanistan, the escalating global climate crisis, and the ongoing paralysis in the US Congress to pass needed legislation, **it is time for Rolling Back Militarism: A Task For The Global Movement,**

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY  
WASHINGTON D.C.  
NOVEMBER 14-16, 2009

Register at:  
[www.peace-action.org](http://www.peace-action.org)  
or via:  
[www.ipb.org](http://www.ipb.org)

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***Rolling back militarism : a task for the global movement***

Underlined = confirmed

**Room numbers indicated**

**PROGRAM AS AT 8 OCTOBER**

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*We are at a time of crisis and opportunity. This conference is an invitation to engage in a strategic process, to examine our campaigning priorities and options, to explore new ways to challenge the militarism we see around us, and to build international connections and partnerships. In particular, IPB is seeking to build its **Disarmament for Development program**, which focuses on military spending, campaigns against weapons that undermine development, and related issues.*

*A collection of background papers on the conference themes will be made available to participants in the conf. folder – also available on website. See also basic info at end of this program.*

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# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

## FRIDAY Nov 13

Arrival

6:30 Open social evening -  
R. Mott,

The Washington Home of Stewart

122 Maryland Avenue NE

## Day 1 : SATURDAY Nov 14 – Georgetown University

8:30 Registration opens  
Center (the ICC)

The Edward B. Bunn, S.J. Intercultural

9:30 Conference Opens  
Auditorium

ICC

*Indigenous/drumming/music*

Welcome!

Michael Keller, Chair, Peace Action Education Fund Board of Directors: welcome from host org + practical info

Tomas Magnusson: welcome from IPB + explanation of the program/process

9.45 **MILITARISM:** *where it comes from, where it's going, how to roll it back.* *An international perspective at a time of economic crisis*

**First Keynote Address**

Emira Woods - Institute for Policy Studies, Foreign Policy in Focus, Washington DC

+ Comments from the floor

10.30 Coffee break

### 10:45 FORUMS: KEY ISSUES

*Each forum will offer a chance to explore key points relating to the impact of militarism in a significant area. Each group will be asked come up with 3 or 4 specific suggestions for IPB work.*

Military bases – voices from around the empire	<u>Joe Gerson AFSC</u>	ICC 102
Resource conflicts – peak oil, climate change...	<i>Michael Shank Congressional staff for Representative Honda (invited)</i>	ICC 104

Race, peace, gender – how does it all connect ?	<a href="#">Judith LeBlanc, Peace Action / _____</a>	<b>ICC 101</b>
Middle East (1) Israel-Palestine – crisis/opportunity	<a href="#">Prof. Mark Lance, Georgetown Univ. /Fadoua Amer, Institute for Peace Studies, Egypt</a>	<b>ICC 107</b>
Middle East (2) Iran & Iraq	<a href="#">Kevin Martin, Peace Action/ Sanam Anderlini former director of the policy commission at Women Waging Peace</a>	<b>ICC 103</b>
Peace law – constitutions (for ex. Art. 9 Japan), legislation, Depts. of Peace, international law	<a href="#">Carlos Vargas, IALANA, Costa Rica</a>	<b>ICC116</b>
Youth	<a href="#">Youth group -- TBC</a>	<b>ICC 118</b>
The Good Fight – Faith & Ending Militarism	<a href="#">Errick Lutambwe (DRC), Global Youth Network of Religions for Peace</a>	<b>ICC 120</b>

### 1.00 Lunch

ICC 115

POSTER SESSIONS – small groups, diverse topics

MEETING OF DECLARATION DRAFTING GROUP (1)

## 2.30 THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN/PAKISTAN – IN THE SHADOW OF IRAQ

### ICC Auditorium

*We are one year on from the US Presidential election and the war is going badly. Many countries are involved and the debate is growing everywhere. How can we build a stronger peace movement challenge to the militarists ?*

- *Afghan solidarity movement:* [Alicia Lucksted, Afghan Women’s Fund, Women for Afghan Women](#)
- *Iraqi voice :* [Raed Jarrar, American Friends Service Committee](#)
- *Analyst:* [Phyllis Bennis, Institute for Policy studies](#)
- *Peace activist :* [Paul Kawika Martin, Peace Action](#)

**Moderator:** [Reiner Braun, IALANA \(lawyers\) – INES \(Scientists\) – IPB board, Germany](#)

Close. 4.30 - Coffee

4.45 MOVE TO NEW VENUE: REIESS SCIENCE AUDITORIUM

## 5.00 PEACE EDUCATION

RIESS Science Auditorium

+ presentation of [Sean MacBride Peace Prize](#) (SEE final page for detailed background)

**Moderator:** [Cora Weiss: Former President and present UN Representative of IPB](#)

Introduction and Presentation of the Prize: [Cora Weiss](#)

Acceptance of the 2009 MacBride Prize: [Betty A. Reardon, International Institute on Peace Education](#)

Responses:

- [Azza ElKholy, Institute for Peace Studies, Alexandria, Egypt](#)
- [Abdul Aziz Said, American University, Washington, D.C.](#)

Discussion Comment and Questions: The IPB and Peace Education

Concluding remarks from prize recipient and respondents

**7.00 MOVE TO NEW VENUE: COPLEY HALL**

**RECEPTION and CELEBRATION - Music  
Formal Lounge**

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## Day 2 : SUNDAY Nov 15

**9:00 PLENARY - **DISARMAMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT****  
ICC Auditorium

**9.15 ----PRESENTATION OF IPB WORK – [Colin Archer, IPB Secretary-General](#)**  
[With contributions by Yeshua Moser-Puangsuwan, Nonviolence International /ICBL](#)

*In 2005 IPB launched a new global program entitled ‘Disarmament for Development’. The purpose is to create a worldwide campaign to work on three inter-related areas:*

- *Military v Social Spending*
- *Impact of weapons on development*
- *Related issues: resource wars or human security?*

*Much has already been done; even more remains to be done. This session will set out our track record and the crucial issues confronting us.*

**Open discussion** on building global campaigns on these issues, incl. reminder of points raised in the Saturday discussions.

**Moderator: [Laura Lodenius, Peace Union of Finland + IPB Board](#)**

**10.30 Coffee break**

**11.00 – PANEL: **NUCLEAR ABOLITION: IT’S TIME TO GET SERIOUS****  
ICC Auditorium

*The arrival of Barack Obama in the White House, and in particular his Prague speech, have changed the terms of the global nuclear debate. But there are many tough problems to deal with and challenge is*

*to move from rhetoric to real political action. We shall discuss prospects for the 2010 NPT Review, for a Nuclear Weapons Convention, and how we can all mobilise our constituencies to make it happen.*

- Hibakusha: [Terumi Tanaka, Sec-Gen. Nihon Hidankyo + IPB Vice-President](#)
- Grass roots activist : [Jackie Cabasso, Western States Legal Foundation/Mayors for Peace](#)
- Researcher: [Zia Mian, Princeton Univ.](#)
- French view : [Pierre Villard, Co-President, Mouvement de la paix, France](#)

- **Moderator:** [Joseph Gerson, American Friends Service Committee](#)

(will give summary of international mobilisations for NPT, May 2010)

**12:30 LUNCH**  
**ICC 115**

## **2.00 Second Keynote Address:**

[Tom Hayden, former California State Senator, Progressive Democrats of America](#)

Theme: *Empire versus democracy*

**Questions, discussion from the floor, points for drafting group**

**Moderator: Kevin Martin, Executive Director, Peace Action**

## **3 :00 pm DIMENSIONS OF MILITARISM – VOICES FROM COMMUNITIES** **ICC Auditorium**

*This is an opportunity to explore together what militarism means to us, our lives, our institutions and communities – and how to build the alternatives. Militarism affects communities differently – and each has different potential for opposing it. We have much to learn from each other. In particular, we hope to encourage a dialogue between older people who have experienced struggles against perhaps more than one war; and younger folks who are engaged in anti recruitment or similar work.*

International context set by:

- Politics: [David McReynolds, War Resisters League](#)
- Economics: [Frida Berrigan, New America Foundation](#)

**Buzz groups 15 mins, then:**

Representatives from :

- Women/gender: [Ann Wright, US Army veteran and former diplomat.](#)
- Youth : [Jonathan Williams, Peace Action / Oskar Castro, American Friends Service Committee](#)
- People of color/southern voices: [George Martin, Peace Action](#)

**Moderator:** [Lisa Putkey, Peace Action](#)

**Theme:** *What contributions can your sector make to the task of rolling back militarism? What are the alternatives we need to be building?*

+ Discussion: A chance to comment on the earlier discussions; and also to make suggestions for the drafting group.

**5.00 coffee**

**5 :30 pm: WHERE WE GO FROM HERE  
ICC**

**CLOSING PLENARY: Facilitators: [Kevin Martin](#) and [Tomas Magnusson](#)  
Our purpose here is bring the threads together and attempt both a summary and a work program for us all.**

- Reports from Forums , also from internet participants
- Proposals for projects and resolutions to IPB Council – FUTURE DIRECTIONS
- Youth presentation
- Conference declaration
- Final remarks and thanks

**7.00pm Close**

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## **Day 3 : MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

**9.00: IPB COUNCIL MEETING --- Open to all  
Methodists Building, 100 Maryland Ave NE, Capitol Hill. Tel: 202.488.5600  
<http://www.umc-gbcs.org/site/c.frLJK2PKLqF/b.3791391/>**

**Location:** across the street from the U.S. Supreme Court Building (closest Metro stop is Union Station on the Red line, Metro is recommended as parking is very limited on Capitol Hill).

*Agenda available on request.*

12:00 : LUNCH

*From 9:00 (separate room - small group - NPT)*

1.00pm- 4.00pm : **NPT 2010 –International Planning meeting (open session)**

4.00pm – 7.00pm+: **International Planning meeting (decision making group)**

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## **Day 4: TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

**SEMINAR: An elephant in the room: military spending -- organized by IPB in collaboration with the Institute for Policy Studies**

**Venue: United Methodists building, 100 Maryland Ave NE, Capitol Hill. Tel: 202.488.5600**

<http://www.umd-gbcs.org/site/c.frLJK2PKLqF/b.3791391/>

Location: across the street from the U.S. Supreme Court Building (closest Metro stop is Union Station on the Red line, Metro is recommended as parking is very limited on Capitol Hill).

This is intended as a smaller, more expert group for a more focussed discussion, and to engage with decision makers. IPB's *Disarmament for Development* programme has at its core the work of challenging budget priorities. We aim to exchange perspectives on how the budget debate is going in different places - especially given the economic crisis - and hopefully to seed a new, or at least a strengthened, network of activists willing to engage with this issue over the medium term.

Given the current intense debate about the handling of the Afghan-Pakistan war – not only in the USA but also in Europe and Asia and elsewhere – this discussion comes at a crucial moment.

## PROGRAM

### 9.30 – 12.00 am : The USA

#### Chair & introduction: [John Feffer, IPS](#)

- Overview of US military spending - [Frida Berrigan, New America Foundation](#)
- Public financing and accountability – [Bob Edgar, President and CEO, Common Cause](#)
- A civil society perspective on conversion: [Miriam Pemberton, IPS](#)
- Discussion: How we work on this issue

## LUNCH

### 1.15 – 4.30 pm: The rest of the world

#### Chair and introduction: [Miriam Pemberton, IPS](#)

- NE Asia-Pacific Freeze campaign: [John Feffer, IPS](#)
- Reports from civil society groups : [Reiner Braun, Germany](#), [Pierre Villard, France](#), [Yayoi Tsuchida, Japan](#), [Laura Lodenius, Finland](#), [Alexander Harang, Norway TBC](#), [Yeshua Moser, US-Canada-Thailand](#)
- Building a sustainable network : [Colin Archer, IPB](#)
- Discussion and next steps

**Please let us know if you plan to attend.**

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## Alternative to Seminar and/or WEDS Nov 18 - Day 5

*While we hope to have the participation of some US officials and representatives at the conference, this is a chance to visit them on their own territory and explore – even if only briefly – some of the issues raised by our conference and our work.*

## **HILL VISITS/Visits to key organisations**

- Obama administration officials – State Dept, Defense etc
- Capitol Hill/Congress
- NGOs/think tanks

*Depends on requests from participants*

***ADDITIONAL TEXTS FOLLOW ->***

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# International Peace Bureau - For a World Without War

## What is the IPB?

The IPB is the oldest and most comprehensive international peace federation, born in 1891. Its overall aim is to advance the idea of a world without war. Our organisation received the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1910, and **13 of our leading members** have equally been honoured with this distinction, which is a record. At present the **IPB brings together over 300 member organisations in 70 countries**, as well as many individual members.

The IPB links groups that work in the fields of peace and disarmament as well on the regional and international level: specialist peace groups and also women's organisations, youth groups, trade unions and professional bodies.

The IPB has a democratic structure that comprises an Assembly and a Council of its elected representatives (one man + one woman from each of 11 regions).

The role of the IPB is to consolidate efforts made by different groups across the globe that work for disarmament, nonviolent conflict resolution and the culture of peace.

At present the main programme developed by the IPB is entitled "Disarmament for Development" which aims to build a worldwide network around questions of military spending and the impact of weapons on sustainable development.

## Campaign support

In recent years IPB has supported the development of many networks and projects, particularly:

- Abolition 2000: a global network to eliminate nuclear weapons
- European Network Against Arms Trade
- International Campaign to Ban Landmines
- International Action Network on Small Arms
- International Women's Day for Peace and Disarmament (May 24th)

## Our tasks, responsibilities and services

The IPB:

- is a central bureau for peace information.
- unites activists across borders and in multiple domains.
- has United Nations consultative status.
- organises conferences, seminars, consultations.
- publishes books and documents on a range of peace issues.
- is a platform for declarations and collective actions.
- introduces a movement perspective to peace and disarmament work at the UN, other international agencies and in the media.
- awards every year the Sean MacBride Peace Prize
- Council members have the right to propose candidates for the Nobel Peace Prize

## **SEAN MACBRIDE PEACE PRIZE**

Every year the IPB awards a special prize to a person or organisation that has done outstanding work for peace, disarmament and/or human rights. These were the principal concerns of Sean MacBride, the distinguished Irish statesman who was Chairman of IPB from 1968-74 and President from 1974-1985. MacBride began his career as a fighter against British colonial rule, studied law and rose to high office in the independent Irish Republic. He was a winner of the Lenin Peace Prize, and also the Nobel Peace Prize (1974) – awarded for his wide-ranging work, which included roles such as co-founder of Amnesty International, Secretary-General of the International Commission of Jurists, and UN Commissioner for Namibia. While at IPB he launched the Bradford Proposals on

World Disarmament, which laid the ground for the first UN Special Session on Disarmament, held in 1978.

He also launched the MacBride Appeal against Nuclear Weapons, which gathered the names of over 11,000 international lawyers from all parts of the world, many of them at the very highest level. This effort paved the way for the World Court Project on nuclear weapons, in which IPB played a major role. This resulted in the historic 1996 Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice on the Use and Threat of Nuclear Weapons. MacBride died in 1988, but the Prize was not established until 1992, IPB's centenary year.

The award is decided by the IPB Steering Committee. IPB members are welcome to make suggestions and provide background documentation on potential candidates. The Prize is a non-monetary one, consisting of a medal cast by a well-known Irish craftsman.

## IPB'S DISARMAMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

### Why?

To invest in development makes no sense if we forget the **\$ 1400+ billion spent annually on the military** at the global level. In any case, as Iraq and Afghanistan show us, international security crises and terrorism will not be resolved by increasing military budgets – and weapons themselves damage development efforts. To achieve the Millennium Development Goals we must put pressure on governments to choose different priorities.

### With whom?

- development agencies
- peace workers
- politicians
- economists
- religious, trade union, youth groups...

### How?

- set up a coordination, and work with others
- put pressure on decision makers
- influence public opinion
- stimulate media interest

## PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

The International Peace Bureau encourages the development of **coalitions and national networks**. To this end we organise, together with our local partners, meetings on the topic: *Sustainable Disarmament for Sustainable Development*. In 2005-6 we organised events in places such as London, Paris, Geneva and Helsinki. In 2007-8 we raised our campaign issues at the World Social Forum in Nairobi, at the UN Committee for the Rights of the Child (Geneva), Alexandria (Egypt), Copenhagen and elsewhere. In 2009 we meet in Washington DC. In addition, IPB is preparing **campaign materials**, books and a photo-exhibition/media campaign, which make the case for a radically different set of priorities:

- **Warfare or Welfare? Disarmament for Development in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** (2005, from Secretariat or on website)
- **Whose Priorities ? a Guide for Campaigners on Military and Social Spending** (2007, from Secretariat or on website).

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October 22, 2009

Dear Friend/Colleague,

**INVITATION TO PLANNING MEETING FOR THE NPT 2010 REVIEW CONF ACTIONS – WASHINGTON DC, MON. NOV. 16**

As you doubtless know, next May the United Nations will hold a crucial five-year review conference of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) in New York. As nuclear weapons crises and opportunities have deservedly attained a higher profile recently, the timing of this conference is quite fortuitous for those of us seeking peace and the elimination of nuclear weapons..

As the attached Disarm Now! Call explains, an impressive international coalition of peace and disarmament groups has come together to launch an international petition drive calling for the initiation of negotiations to abolish nuclear weapons worldwide, and to plan NGO activities at the UN next May, including a major international peace conference (April 30 & May 1) and mass rally May 2, with May 2 designated globally as International Day of Action for a Nuclear Free World .

We'd like to invite you, or another person from your organization, to join our planning of these and related events t at a meeting next month to further this campaign. **The meeting will be held Monday, November 16 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Methodist Building, 100 Maryland Ave., NE on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.**, across the street from the U.S. Supreme Court Building (closest Metro stop is Union Station on the Red line, Metro is recommended as parking is very limited on Capitol Hill).

This meeting will be held the day after the International Peace Bureau conference at Georgetown University here in Washington (see: <http://www.ipb.org>), so many international and U.S. colleagues will be able to stay for this meeting. It will be a unique opportunity for us to strategize and plan our work together around the **all-important** NPT Review Conference next May.

Please reply, hopefully to confirm your attendance, to Lisa Putkey by email at [lputkey@peace-action.org](mailto:lputkey@peace-action.org) or by calling 301-537-8244, extension 338.

Sincerely and with best wishes,

Colin Archer (IPB,) Reiner Braun (ILANA-Germany, INES,) Jackie Cabasso (WSLF,Mayors for Peace,) Bruce Gagnon (Global Network..Space,) Joseph Gerson (AFSC,) Socorro Gomes (WPC,) Kate Hudson (CND,) Akira Kawasaki (Peace Boat,) Margo LaZaro (Global Family,) Al Marder (Int'l Peace Messenger Cities,) Kevin Martin (Peace Action,) Dominique LaLanne (MVP,) Hans Lammerant (Bombspotting,) Henry Lowendorf (GRNHPC,) Issam Makhoul (Emile Touma Institute for Palestinian and Israeli Studies,) Alice Slater (NAPF.), Anthony Salloum (A-2000,Rideau,) Susi Snyder (WILPF,) Yayoi Tsuchida (Gensuikyo,) Wilbert van der Zeijden (Bases Network,) Pierre Villard (MVP,) Alyn Ware (Parliamentarians,) David Webb (CND,) Rick Weyman (Nuclear Age Peace Foundation,)

## **Disarm Now!**

### **Mobilizing Call of the NPT Review 2010 International Planning Group -- for Nuclear Abolition, Peace and Justice**

Today our world is facing crises on an unprecedented scale – global warming, poverty, war, hunger, and disease. They threaten the very future of life as we know it, and on a daily basis bring death, sorrow and suffering to the majority of people on our planet. Yet these problems are almost entirely the results of human action and they can be equally be resolved by human action – if the political will exists to do so: to manage the riches and natural bounty of our world in such a way as to meet the needs of all peoples, and to enable us to live together in peace and justice.

Such is the desire of the overwhelming majority of peoples, yet we face a situation today where global military spending – money for killing – has now reached a total of \$1.46 trillion in 2008. Furthermore, nine countries maintain arsenals of nuclear weapons – all together, over 23,000 warheads. These uniquely destructive weapons can not only destroy life on our planet many times over, but they are also used as political weapons of terror, reinforcing an unjustifiable global inequality. The eradication of these weapons will not only end the threat of global annihilation and this hierarchy of terror, but it will unlock enormous resources to address climate change and mass poverty, serve as the leading edge of the global trend towards demilitarisation, and make advances in other areas of human aspiration possible.

In spite of treaty obligations and international resolutions and rulings over the decades since the criminal atomic bombings of Japan by the United States in 1945, the nuclear weapons states have failed to eliminate their nuclear arms. Their continued possession of these weapons, together with modernisation of systems and increasingly aggressive nuclear use policies in recent years, have contributed to an increasing tendency towards their proliferation – and a greater likelihood of nuclear war.

The nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) requires both non-proliferation and disarmament, and must be supported and strengthened - yet it lacks a concrete process for achieving these essential goals. Furthermore, there are grave problems with its Article IV. This guarantees the right to peaceful nuclear energy but overlooks the inextricable link between nuclear power and weapons technologies and their health and environmental costs. The newly-launched International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) provides an opportunity to phase out nuclear power, superseding the Article IV guarantee. This said, the NPT continues to provide the framework for advancing towards an essential new initiative – a timetable for the elimination of nuclear weapons so urgently sought by the global majority.

The NPT Review Conference in May 2010 presents a precious opportunity to take that initiative. It is an opportunity that must on no account be missed. After the spiralling aggression of the Bush era, the Obama presidency provides a new context for our campaigning. President Obama's commitment – alongside that of President Medvedev of Russia – to global abolition of nuclear weapons is greatly welcomed, and their first steps towards bilateral reductions and support for treaties restricting nuclear developments are positive. However, the goal of global abolition cannot be postponed into the indefinite future, for only a defined, achievable and timetabled process can halt the proliferation that threatens us all.

To this end, to secure a future for humanity and our planet, to help create the conditions for a world of peace, justice and genuine human security, we urge the 2010 NPT Review Conference to make an unambiguous commitment to begin negotiations on a convention for the time-bound elimination of all nuclear weapons – a Nuclear Weapons Convention.

Such a step will not happen without the active encouragement of civil society, giving voice to the yearning of the global majority for a world free from the fear of nuclear annihilation. We urge all those who share this vision to join us in mobilising for the international peace conference in New York on May 1<sup>st</sup> and the International Day of Action for a Nuclear Free World, in New York and globally, on, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. as well as for the presentation of petition signatures to the United Nations.