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The Rt Hon Julia Gillard
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Dear Ms Gillard,

We extend our congratulations to you on being elected as Leader of the Australian Labour Party and being sworn in as Prime Minister of Australia.

We are confident that you will draw on the full range of your experience, background and interests in order to fulfil this role with the passion, commitment and excellence you have demonstrated in your previous roles as an opposition spokesperson, minister and deputy prime minister.

We know that you share with us a concern about the risks of nuclear weapons and their proliferation. We are honoured that, as a result of this concern, you joined Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (PNND), an international cross-party network of legislators which we lead – and which is engaged in nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament initiatives at national, regional and global levels.

Australia has been very active in nuclear disarmament, including through the Canberra Commission on the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, leadership in the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and the International Commission on Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament – a joint initiative with Japan. PNND has played a role in informing parliamentarians, government representatives and civil society of these initiatives.

The success of the 2010 Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference in May of this year provides hope that these initiatives can now develop into concrete progress in achieving a nuclear weapons free world. In fact, the support at the 2010 NPT Review Conference for the United Nations Secretary General's Five Point Proposal for Nuclear Disarmament, and the agreement that "All States need to make special efforts to establish the necessary framework to achieve and maintain a world

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without nuclear weapons”, provide a unique opportunity for leadership from influential countries like Australia - supported by other like-minded countries, parliamentarians and civil society – to work constructively with the nuclear weapon States to establish the mechanisms to abolish and eliminate nuclear weapons under effective international control.

We look forward to collaborating with you on this endeavour.

Yours sincerely

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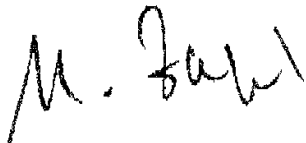
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