

## PNND activities and achievements: 2010



PNND panel at the United Nations with keynote speaker Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, along with Raphael Chegeni MP (Tanzania), Edine von Herold MP (Costa Rica), Alyn Ware (PNND Coordinator), Anda Filip (UN Representative for the Inter-Parliamentary Union), Nicky Wagner MP (New Zealand) and Jonathan Granoff (PNND Council).

**General:** Throughout 2010, PNND members have been active in their parliaments, in the public domain and in international arenas advancing nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament. Of key significance are the resolutions proposed to parliaments by PNND members supporting the UN Secretary-General's Five-Point Plan for nuclear disarmament. Such resolutions have now been adopted in Austria, Bangladesh, Canada, Costa Rica, the European Parliament, Germany, Italy, New Zealand and by the Inter-Parliamentary Union. Draft resolutions/motions have been submitted in Belgium, France, Scotland, the UK and the USA.

### Examples of specific activities and achievements:

\* *9 December*, PNND member Bill Kidd submits a resolution to the Scottish parliament calling on a campaign to establish local Nuclear Weapon Free Zones leading to the declaration of **Scotland as a NWFZ** based on the experience of New Zealand. This followed a seminar with guest speakers Marian Hobbs (former NZ Minister for Disarmament) and Alyn Ware.

\* *November*, PNND members in the US, Europe and Russia send letters to the Speakers and Chairs of the Foreign Affairs Committees in the Russian and US Congresses urging **ratification of the START Treaty**. These efforts helped overcome opposition to ratification in both parliaments.

\* *14 November*, PNND organises a roundtable of **parliamentarians and Nobel Peace Laureates** in Hiroshima Japan as part of the 11<sup>th</sup> World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates.

\* *1-12 November*, PNND South East Asian Coordinator Matt Robson leads a delegation to Beijing and Pyongyang to discuss the Draft North East Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone proposal put forward by PNND Japan and PNND South Korea.

\* *4 November*, PNND UK and PNND French cross-party sections meet in the French senate and launch a program of collaboration between **French and UK parliamentarians** on common security and nuclear disarmament.



Strategy session at the Nobel Peace Summit chaired by PNND Coordinator Alyn Ware and Nobel laureate and former South African President Fredrik de Klerk



*Japanese Foreign Minister Seiji Maehara opening the PNND showing of Countdown to Zero in the Japanese parliament theatre, October 2010*

\* 20 October, PNND Japan organises a screening of **Countdown to Zero** in the new Japanese Parliament theatre. The screening is opened by Foreign Minister Seiji Maehara.

\* 29 August, PNND members around the world commemorate the first **International Day Against Nuclear Tests**, an initiative launched by the government of Kazakhstan. PNND members hold seminars and film showings in parliaments to educate and engage civil society and to encourage the full ratification and entry-into-force of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

\* 26 June, PNND Member Julia Gillard becomes the **first female Prime Minister of Australia**.

\* 23 June, PNND holds a roundtable of parliamentarians and disarmament experts in the **European Parliament** to discuss the role of parliamentarians to advance the agreement of the 2010 NPT Review Conference and to impact on the NATO Strategic Concept. The roundtable was co-chaired by European Parliament Members Frieda Brepoels, Annemie Neyts and Anna Maria Gomes. Guest speakers included Randy Rydell (United Nations Office of Disarmament), Dirk van der Maelen MP (Vice-Chair of the Belgian Parliament Foreign Affairs Committee) and Alyn Ware (PNND Global Coordinator).



*Dirk van der Maelen MP (Belgium) speaking at a PNND event in the European Parliament*

\* 15 June, 2010. PNND establishes **Estonian parliamentarians for a nuclear weapon-free world**, a cross-party section in Estonia including Juri Tamm (former USSR Olympic champion in the hammer throw) Jaan Kundla (independent), Lauri Luik (Estonian Reform Party faction), Erki Nool (Pro Patria and Res Publica Union faction), Nikolai Põdranägi (Estonian Centre Party faction), Indrek Saar (Social Democratic Party faction) and Jaak Salumets (Estonian Reform Party faction).



*PNND Co-President Sue Miller and Peace Boat Campaign Director Akira Kawasaki adopting a Memorandum of Cooperation*

\* 14 June, 2010. PNND co-hosts a **strategy session on board the Peace Boat on follow-up to the 2010 NPT Review Conference**. The session included UN officials, parliamentarians, Mayors for Peace and disarmament experts. It culminated in PNND and Peace Boat adopting a **Memorandum of Collaboration** (MoC) outlining ways the two organizations plan to work together in advancing the common goal of building a safer and more peaceful world, in particular by acting to prevent nuclear non-proliferation and promote nuclear disarmament.

\* 30 May 2010. PNND organizes a roundtable discussion during the **NATO Parliamentary Assembly** in Latvia for parliamentarians, government officials and NATO ambassadors to consider the implications of the US Nuclear Posture Review and the 2010 NPT Review Conference outcome on the NATO Strategic Review. Speakers include Marit Nybakk (Vice-President of the Norwegian Parliament)

and Alyn Ware (PNND Global Coordinator). PNND members also participate in the NATO Parliamentary Assembly plenary sessions on Non-strategic nuclear weapons in Europe and NATO Strategic Concept Review.

\* 6 May 2010. PNND organizes a panel at the 2010 NPT Review Conference featuring **UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon** and leading parliamentarians around the world reporting on parliamentary initiatives to support Ban Ki-moon's five-point plan and calling on States Parties to the NPT to also support the plan. The plan is noted in the final agreement of States Parties to the NPT.

\* 29 April 2010. PNND organises the **Civil Society Forum of Nuclear Weapon Free Zones** at the United Nations to precede the 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference of States Parties of Nuclear Weapon Free Zones on 30 April. The forum includes government representatives, parliamentarians, academics, UN officials, disarmament experts and mayors.

\* 19 April, 2010. PNND sends a letter, signed by cross-party parliamentarians from nuclear-sharing nations (Belgium, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Turkey), to President Obama expressing support for his vision of a nuclear weapons-free world, and supporting proposals for the **withdrawal of the remaining US nuclear weapons deployed in Europe**. The letter also calls on the US and Russia to work on the elimination of all tactical nuclear weapons.



*PNND Japan and PNND Korea initial meeting to discuss a North-East Asian Nuclear Weapon Free Zone*

\* 26 March, 2010. US Congressman Dennis Kucinich (PNND UN Liaison) presents **1000 origami (folded paper) cranes to President Obama**, which Kucinich received from Japanese students. The crane (a bird) is a symbol of good luck in Japan – and there is a belief that folding 1000 origami cranes will bring peace. It is now a symbol of nuclear disarmament.

\* 10 March 2010: PNND members from NATO nuclear-sharing countries release a **parliamentary sign-on letter to US**

**President Obama** expressing support for his vision of a nuclear weapons-free world, and supporting proposals for the withdrawal of the remaining US nuclear weapons deployed in Europe.

\* 28 February 2010. PNND Japan and PNND Korea organize a joint parliamentarians' conference in Tokyo to discuss the proposal for a **North-East Asian Nuclear Weapons-Free Zone** based on the draft treaty released by Katsuya Okada – PNND member and Japanese Foreign Minister.

\* 24 February 2010. At the suggestion of PNND, **UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon sends a letter to all parliaments** highlighting the roles that parliamentarians can play in advancing nuclear disarmament, calling for support for his five-point nuclear disarmament plan, and commending the Inter-Parliamentary Union and PNND for their leadership. PNND followed up by contacting the speakers of a number of parliaments encouraging them to respond.



*PNND Global Coordinator Alyn Ware presents parliamentarians declarations to Ban Ki-moon and suggests he send a letter to all parliaments in follow-up to his Five-Point Proposal for nuclear disarmament*

\* 19 February 2010. PNND member Hideo Hiraoka and **203 other Japanese legislators send a letter to US President Obama** supporting his vision for a nuclear-weapons free world and calling on the US to reduce the role for nuclear weapons in the forthcoming Nuclear Posture Review pending nuclear disarmament. Endorsers of the letter include Yoriko Kawaguchi (LDP - Co-chair of the International Commission on Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament and a former Foreign Minister). **Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada** (also a PNND member) sent his own letter calling for a reduced role for nuclear weapons including limiting it to deterrence only against other nuclear weapons. The letters were in response to Republican claims that Japan might get the nuclear bomb if the US reduced its nuclear doctrine and capacity for forward deployment. President Obama took the path suggested by the Japanese letters, terminated the Tomahawk cruise missile programme and lowered the US nuclear doctrine to 'primary purpose' to deter other nuclear weapons.

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