

PNND activities and achievements – 2011

* 7 December. PNND co-hosts a seminar in the **Swedish parliament** on A World without Nuclear Weapons. Speakers include Alyn Ware (PNND Global Coordinator), Jonas Norling (Head of the Swedish Foreign Ministry Department for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, Henrik Salander (former Swedish Disarmament Ambassador) and Eva von Oelreich (President of the Swedish Red Cross).



PNND meets in the Jordan parliament with senators and deputies including the heads of the Health and Energy Committees.

* 30 November. PNND holds a meeting in the **Parliament of Jordan** with members of the Assembly of Senators and the Chamber of Deputies to discuss the role of parliamentarians in supporting the establishment of a Middle East Zone free of Nuclear Weapons and other Weapons of Mass Destruction. PNND is joined by Peace Boat from Japan who discuss issues relating to nuclear energy in the wake of the Fukushima disaster.

* 24 October. PNND organises a **roundtable meeting in New York on United Nations Day** on the topic of Parliamentary Actions for Nuclear Disarmament. The roundtable was hosted by the Permanent Mission of Germany to the UN and co-sponsored by the Parliamentarian Network for Conflict Prevention.

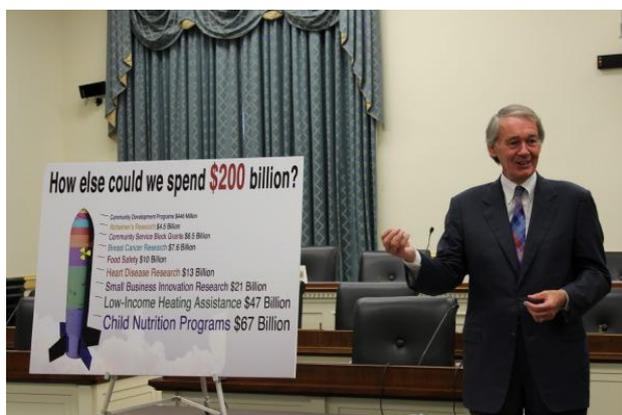


PNND Co-President Raphael Chegeni speaking at the Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly in Bern

* 17 October. PNND members speak at a special session of the **Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly** in Bern on *The Path to Zero - parliamentary actions to implement the 2009 IPU resolution on nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament*.

* 15-16 October 2011. PNND holds its annual assembly in Bern on the issue of Building the framework for a nuclear weapons-free world: the role of parliamentarians. Topics include PNND opens for endorsement a **Joint Parliamentary Statement on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone free of Nuclear Weapons and other Weapons of Mass Destruction**.

* 11 October. PNND Co-President Ed Markey leads an effort in the **US Congress to reduce spending on nuclear weapons**. Markey sends a letter, endorsed by 65 other members of congress, to the Super Committee which is considering budget cuts in order to reduce US debt in the wake of the global financial crisis. The letter notes that, with the end of the Cold War, it does not make sense that US spending on nuclear weapons has increased to US\$50 billion annually, and that this level of spending is robbing future generations in order to pay for weapons of the past. The letter calls for a reduction of \$20billion per year – and a re-investment of these funds in the economy.



PNND Co-President Ed Markey calling for a reduction in US spending on nuclear weapons

* *September 16*, **Abolition 2000 Global Network to Eliminate Nuclear Weapons**, at its Annual Meeting in Geneva, announces a parliamentary outreach campaign to help PNND achieve 2012 members by the end of 2012. Mayors for Peace, at its Board Meeting in Spain, decides to join the outreach campaign.

* *June – July*, PNND collaborated with the Middle Powers Initiative on a **World Tour to Ban Nuclear Weapons**. Senator Emeritus Douglas Roche (founding Chair of PNND) visited Beijing, Berlin, Brussels, Delhi, Geneva, London, Moscow and Oslo for meetings with government officials, parliamentarians, academic institutions and civil society representatives to discuss the proposals in the MPI briefing paper *A Global Law to Ban Nuclear Weapons*. He was accompanied in the European capitals by and Alyn Ware (PNND Global Coordinator).

* *9 June*, PNND Co-Presidents send a **letter to the Heads of State**, Foreign Ministers and Foreign Affairs and Defence Committees of the five nuclear weapon States (P5) prior to the Paris Meeting of the P5 to discuss implementation of disarmament agreements they made at the 2010 NPT Review Conference. The letter called on the summit to implement key NPT to reduce the numbers of nuclear weapons they hold and deploy, lower the role of nuclear weapons in security doctrines, and begin building the framework for a nuclear-weapons-free world.

* *24 May*, PNND organises a special dinner event in the **Australian parliament** featuring Richard Butler (Former Head of UNSCOM and current Chair of the Middle Powers Initiative), Chris Tremain MP (NZ Opposition whip) and Tim Wright (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons). The event is part of preparatory work for a resolution in the Australian parliament to support the UNSG's five-point-plan.



Senator Emeritus Douglas Roche and Alyn Ware speak at a Middle Powers Initiative event - A Global Law to Ban Nuclear Weapons- held in the Palais des Nations and hosted by the Swiss Mission to the UN in Geneva.

hosted by Mayor Cory Booker and the Dalai Lama - and including other Nobel Peace Laureates, parliamentarians, celebrities and grass-roots campaigners in peace, disarmament and nonviolence. PNND runs workshops in conjunction with Universal Models for Peace.

* *30 Mar - 1 April 2011*. PNND helps organise a **three-day parliamentary conference on weapons of mass destruction in Geneva**, hosted by the NATO WMD Unit, Swiss Foreign Ministry and Geneva Democratic Control of Armed Forces. Parliamentarians from 30 NATO Partnership for Peace countries participated. Keynote speakers from PNND included Alyn Ware, Uta Zapf MdB (Germany), Marit Nybakk MP (Norway), Senator Tolegen Mukhamejanov (Kazakhstan), Dennis Kucinich (US House of Reps), Geri Mueller MP (Switzerland), Christer Winback MP (Sweden) Lord David Hannay (UK) and Giorgio La Malfa MP (Italy).

* *2 March 2011*, PNND reps Douglas Roche and Alyn Ware speak to a special session of the **Canadian Foreign Affairs Committee** to consider implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Canadian Senate and House of Commons supporting the UN Secretary General's five-point plan. PNND Canada executive members (from government and opposition) publish a major article in *The Embassy - Canada's Foreign Policy Weekly*, on Canada's role in advancing the global abolition of nuclear weapons.

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PNND promotion used by Abolition 2000 as part of the outreach campaign to achieve 2012 PNND members by the end of 2012.

* *18 May*, PNND organises a special event on nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament at the **Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly** in Panama. The event was hosted by PNND Co-President Rosario Green (Chair of the Mexican Foreign Affairs Committee) and Harry Jenkins (Speaker of the Australian Parliament) and was organised by Mayra Gomez (PNND Senior Officer, New Zealand). It focuses on implementation of the IPU resolution supporting the UNSG's five-point-plan including through a draft follow-up UN General Assembly resolution proposed for October 2011.

* *13-15 May*. PNND co-sponsors and helps organise the **Newark Peace Summit**



Sara Hirsch (founder of Universal Models for Peace) speaking at the PNND workshop at the Newark Peace Summit