

PNND work-plan 2014 -2015¹

The following is a general outline of the PNND activities in a range of program areas including international humanitarian law, nuclear doctrine, US/Russia P5 measures, Framework Forum, Inter Parliamentary Union, UN-focused nuclear disarmament campaign (including the UN Secretary-General's Five Point Plan), Global Zero, Nuclear Weapon Free Zones, nuclear weapons spending and nuclear testing.

Note: As a cross-party network PNND does not endorse specific political policies. PNND facilitates parliamentary dialogue and engagement on key issues, and publicises relevant initiatives and parliamentary actions. PNND members are free to decide whether or not to support specific initiatives and actions.

1. International Humanitarian Law and nuclear weapons

PNND will continue working with key parliamentarians to advance the application of IHL to nuclear weapons. This could include:

- Cooperation with Red Cross/Red Crescent and ICRC on promotion of IHL as an imperative to nuclear abolition
- Promotion of the *Vancouver Declaration* in parliaments and by parliamentarians;
- Promotion of the Vienna Conference on Humanitarian Consequences of Nuclear Weapons through parliamentary questions, debates and motions;
- Further parliamentary events on humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons featuring the ATOM project launched at PNND's Assembly in 2012;
- Promotion of the Mexican amendment to the International Criminal Court (Rome Statute) to include the employment of nuclear weapons as a crime under the jurisdiction of the Court;

2. Nuclear Doctrine

PNND will continue to engage legislators and parliamentarians in key forums and opportunities to reduce the role of nuclear weapons in security doctrines. This could include:

- Initiatives concerning the removal of US sub-strategic weapons in Europe and a reduction of the role of nuclear weapons in NATO doctrine – through parliamentary resolutions, questions to foreign ministers, follow-up to the PNND joint parliamentary letter to President Obama, and input into the NATO Parliamentary Assembly deliberations including additional side events at the NATO Parliamentary Assembly;
- Phasing out extended nuclear deterrence in Europe, North-East Asia and Central Asia through parliamentary events, op ed pieces and engagement in security dialogues;
- Working with US legislators to advance the US Nuclear Posture Review commitment to lower the role of nuclear weapons to sole purpose as a step to a prohibition on use and plan for elimination;

¹ Subject to funding to ensure PNND has the resources to deliver on the specific program initiatives.

- Working with Indian legislators to lower the role of nuclear weapons in Indian policy. This includes through the experts group established by the Prime Minister and chaired by PNND Council Member Mani Shankar Aiyar.
- Increasing parliamentary and diplomatic support for the de-alerting of nuclear weapons and renouncing launch-on-warning (through additional parliamentary resolutions and endorsers on key letters to the leaders of US, Russia (and to leaders of other nuclear states where appropriate)).

3. US/Russia and P5 measures

PNND will work with US and Russia legislators and with legislators from China, France and the UK on implementation of the P5 steps agreed at the 2010 NPT Review Conference. This will include engagement in P5 meetings and building collaboration between French and UK legislators through a joint French/English PNND newsletter and a parliamentary conference in the French National Assembly on alternatives to nuclear deterrence. It could also include a focus on a follow-up Security Council resolution to UNSC 1887.

4. Framework Forum

PNND and the Middle Powers Initiative will organise 2-3 Framework Forum events during 2014-2015.

5. Inter Parliamentary Union – Parliamentary hearings

PNND will promote the resolution to be adopted by the IPU at its 130th Assembly on “Towards a Nuclear Weapons Free World: The Contribution of Parliaments.” This could include a series of parliamentary hearings on implementation of the resolution conducted jointly with IPU and the World Future Council. PNND will use in particular the *PNND/IPU Handbook for Parliamentarians on Supporting Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament* to assist in implementation of the IPU resolution. This could include publication of the Handbook in additional languages (Arabic, German...).

6. UN-focused nuclear disarmament platforms and initiatives

PNND will publicise and engage parliamentarians in a range of UN-focused nuclear disarmament platforms and initiatives including:

- the UN Secretary-General’s Five-Point-Plan,
- promotion of the proposals and example of the Open Ended Working Group,
- UN General Assembly resolutions,
- UN International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons,
- advancing nuclear disarmament negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament, and
- potential action by the UN Security Council to follow-up UNSC 1887.

7. Nuclear weapons convention or package of agreements

PNND will continue to publicise the UNSG’s Plan, especially the recommendation for negotiations on a nuclear weapons convention or package of agreements in four key ways:

- Adoption of additional resolutions in parliaments;
- Promotion of the 2014 Inter Parliamentary Union resolution and Action Plan of the 2010 NPT Review Conference (with respect to language relating to the proposal and NWC;

- Gathering additional endorsers to the Parliamentary Declaration Supporting a NWC and the Global Parliamentary Appeal for a Nuclear Weapons Ban – and presenting this at key forums;
- Assisting parliamentarians to advance the Plan in key conferences and forums such as the UN General Assembly, Conference on Disarmament, 2014 NPT Preparatory Committee Meeting, NGO conferences...
- Holding further parliamentary hearings on the UNSG's Plan and elements which could be developed by the countries concerned.

8. Global Zero

PNND will continue to work with Global Zero to advance the Global Zero plan for deep reductions in nuclear weapons stockpiles paving the way for nuclear weapons States to join negotiations for a global treaty to eliminate nuclear weapons. This will include further joint parliamentary events resolutions and declarations (similar to those PNND did in the European Parliament with Global Zero in 2012-2013) and promotion of Global Zero videos.

9. Nuclear Weapon Free Zones

NWFZs are instrumental in reducing the role of nuclear weapons in regions, building non-nuclear security frameworks, enhancing negative security assurances and paving the way to a nuclear-weapons-free world. PNND members and sections will advance proposals for NWFZs in North East Asia, Europe, the Middle East and the Arctic. This will include:

Middle East:

- Informing and advising parliamentarians on proposals and progress towards establishing a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and other Weapons of Mass Destruction;
- Securing further endorsements of the *Joint Parliamentary Statement on Establishing a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and other Weapons of Mass Destruction*, and making presentations of the statement to appropriate governments and multilateral bodies to build support for the proposals;
- Engaging parliamentarians in various conferences and meetings related to the establishment of such a zone;
- Organising parliamentary delegations to key countries to discuss the proposal including Iran and Israel;
- Organising a roundtable event at the Arab Inter Parliamentary Union Assembly on the proposal.

North East Asia:

- Further joint meetings of PNND Japan and PNND South Korea sections to advance the 3+3 proposal which is being advanced by PNND member Tatsuya Okada MP, former foreign minister;
- Securing further endorsements of the Joint Statement by Japanese and Korean Parliamentarians for Denuclearisation and Peace in North East Asia which includes the proposal for a NE Asian NWFZ;
- Organising joint events with Nautilus, RECNA, Peace Depot, PSPD, Civil Network and the Asia Pacific Leadership Network on the NE Asia NWFZ proposal;

- Organising parliamentary delegations to Beijing, Washington, Pyongyang and Moscow (some in collaboration with the Parliamentarians Network on Conflict Prevention) to build support for the proposal;

Arctic:

- Submission of the Arctic NWFZ proposal to the Conference of Parliamentarians from the Arctic Region;
- Submission of the Arctic NWFZ proposal to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly for consideration;
- Organising (with Pugwash Canada and Pugwash Denmark) a fourth parliamentary conference on the issue (in Canada, Finland or Denmark);

10. OSCE and NATO Parliamentary Assemblies

PNND will continue working in the NATO Parliamentary Assembly to raise the issue of NATO nuclear doctrine and nuclear weapons sharing arrangements (deployed tactical weapons in NATO countries). This will include input into the formal sessions by PNND members, holding side-meetings to advance nuclear disarmament initiatives, following up relevant NATO PA topics/issues in member parliaments and possibly using a NATO Parliamentary Assembly date/topic as a background to another joint nuclear disarmament letter/statement from NATO parliamentarians.

PNND will follow-up the nuclear disarmament recommendations adopted by the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in Istanbul. This could include participation in OSEC Parliamentary Assemblies in Baiku and Geneva in 2014.

11. Nuclear weapons spending

PNND will continue to be active on the issue of nuclear weapons spending including the opportunity cost in relation to meeting the UN Millennium Development Goals. This could include:

- US legislators actions (led by PNND Co-President Ed Markey) on the US Nuclear Security Budget – to reduce the budget for development and deployment of nuclear weapons (follow-up to Markey’s SANE Act - Smarter Approach to Nuclear Expenditure Act), and to ensure to ensure adequate funding for nuclear disarmament tasks.
- An event at the United Nations on military spending and the UN MDGs.
- Information to parliamentarians on the Norwegian and New Zealand parliamentary initiatives to divest public funds from nuclear weapons corporations – to encourage other parliaments to follow suit.
- Parliamentary resolutions similar to that adopted by Bangladesh

12. Nuclear Testing and the CTBT

PNND will continue to advance the CTBT with the aim of its full ratification and entry-into-force. This will include:

- Parliamentary events on the UN International Day Against Nuclear Tests;
- Promotion of the ATOM Project (including joint events) which was established at the PNND Assembly in 2012 to highlight the catastrophic humanitarian and environmental consequences of nuclear weapons testing as an imperative for nuclear disarmament.

13. Domestic legislation to abolish nuclear weapons

PNND will work with the World Future Council to further publicize exemplary legislation (such as those highlighted by the 2013 Future Policy Awards) to prohibit and criminalise nuclear weapons, and prepare the way for a nuclear-weapons-free world (including national implementation provisions of a nuclear weapons

convention). This will include a focus the recommendations in the IPU/PNND Handbook to advance such legislation.

14. PNND Annual Assembly

PNND organises its assemblies in strategic/symbolic locations tied to key events in order to enable a contribution to global nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament in addition to the deliberations between parliamentarians and experts attending the assembly. The venue for the PNND 2015 Assembly is not yet decided.

15. PNND membership and general engagement of parliamentarians

PNND, with the assistance of partners (including Abolition 2000 and Mayors for Peace) will continue to outreach to parliamentarians in key countries to build membership and engage them in PNND initiatives and in international forums. PNND will establish additional sections in countries with sufficient cross-party membership.

16. Updates, alerts and other education/advocacy materials

PNND will resume production of updates, alerts and other education/advocacy materials for parliamentarians and for individuals and civil society organisations working with parliamentarians. PNND, as far as resources permit, will produce general outreach information (PNND brochure and letters) in languages of all countries in which it operates – and host websites and produce Updates and Alerts in Arabic, English, French, Japanese, Spanish and German.