

13 August 2015

**General Business Notice of Motion No. 799 moved by Senator Singh**

*As listed on page 7 of today's Notice Paper in the name of Senator Singh*

I move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

- (i) on 6 August and 9 August 2015 many organisations and individuals around Australia held vigils and events to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki,
- (ii) despite the end of the cold war more than two decades ago, there are still close to 16 000 nuclear weapons in the world today, including an estimate 1 800 kept on high-alert status,
- (iii) the Humanitarian Pledge, endorsed by 113 nations, to identify and pursue effective measures for the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons, and
- (iv) the growing movement of nations supporting the negotiation of a global treaty banning nuclear weapons.

(b) welcomes:

- (i) the three conferences convened since 2013 by the governments of Norway, Mexico and Austria on the humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons, which the Australian Government attended.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'S. Singh', is written over the text of the motion.