

Toward a Nuclear Weapons Convention: A Role for Canada

April 11-12, 2011

Venue: **Brittany Salon, Cartier Place Suite Hotel,
180 Cooper Street, Ottawa, ON**

Theme: The Final Document of the 2010 NPT Review Conference took note of the UN Secretary-General's Five-Point Proposal for Nuclear Disarmament, which proposes, *inter alia*, "consideration of negotiations on a Nuclear Weapons Convention or agreement on a framework of separate mutually reinforcing instruments backed by a strong system of verification."

This seminar is being held to develop a broadly shared understanding of the main elements and requirements for a global convention to prohibit nuclear weapons; to build Canadian capacity in the expert and disarmament advocacy community on key issues linked to advancing the global movement toward a nuclear weapons convention; and to engage the Government of Canada to encourage early and concrete support for working toward a Nuclear Weapons Convention.

Tuesday, April 12 – Expert Seminar

8:30 AM – Legal Aspects of a Nuclear Weapons Convention

Elements of a legal architecture for a nuclear weapons prohibition/framework of agreements. Implications of an International Humanitarian Law approach to progress on NWC

Chairperson:

Dr. Erika Simpson, Department of Political Science, University of Western Ontario and Vice-Chair, Canadian Pugwash Group

Speakers:

Dr. John Burroughs, Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy

Dr. Michael Byers, Canada Research Chair in Global Politics and International Law, Department of Political Science, University of British Columbia

10:00-10:30 AM – **Break**

10:30 AM-12:00 PM – Verification and Compliance Aspects of a Nuclear Weapons Convention

Chairperson:

Peggy Mason, former Canadian Ambassador for Disarmament and Advisory Board Chair, Canadian Centre for Treaty Compliance, Carleton University

Speakers:

Dr. Trevor Findlay, Director, Canadian Centre for Treaty Compliance

Mr. Jo Sletbak, Minister Counsellor/Deputy Head of Mission, Royal Norwegian Embassy

12:00-1:15 PM – **Lunch**

Chairperson:

Bev Delong, Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons

Guest Speaker:

H.E. Ambassador Richard Butler, A.C., Chairperson, Middle Powers Initiative

1:30-3:00 PM – Political and Security Requirements for a Nuclear Weapons Convention

How can security relationships be used as stepping stones toward a NWC?

Delegitimizing Nuclear Weapons through Nuclear Weapons-Free Zones, and nuclear doctrines

Chairperson:

The Honourable Landon Pearson, O.C., member, Canadians for a Nuclear Weapons Convention

Speakers:

Mr. Ernie Regehr, O.C., Research Fellow, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo; Fellow, The Simons Foundation
Mr. Simon Rosenblum, World Federalist Movement - Canada

3:00-3:30 PM – Break

3:30-5:00 PM – Roundtable on the Role of Canada

Chairperson:

Dr. Adele Buckley, Past Chair, Canadian Pugwash Group

Speakers:

Mr. Paul Meyer, former Ambassador for Disarmament; Fellow in International Security, Centre for Dialogue, Simon Fraser University; Senior Fellow, The Simons Foundation
The Honourable Douglas J. Roche, O.C., former Ambassador for Disarmament

Acknowledgments

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