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Delegation of parliamentarians and youth at the PyeongChang Global Peace Forum in February 2020. PNND was a co-organiser of the Forum



Parliamentary Forum organised by PNND and held at the United Nations to discuss the UN Secretary-General's Disarmament Agenda

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PNND is a global, cross-party network of over 600 legislators from 90 countries, supported by a dedicated team of disarmament experts and civil society campaigners, working to reduce the risk of nuclear war, prevent proliferation and achieve a nuclear-weapons-free world.

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1. Parliamentary Action Plan for a Nuclear Weapon Free World

The [Parliamentary Action Plan for a Nuclear Weapon Free World](#) was developed by PNND in consultation and cooperation with the *Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)* and the *Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe*.

The plan includes 14 key areas of nuclear disarmament action for parliamentarians. Some of these are suitable for parliamentarians from non-nuclear countries, such as establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones and ratification measures for the new *Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons*. Others are actions that parliamentarians from nuclear armed and allied countries can take to reduce the risks of nuclear weapons being used, cut nuclear weapons budgets and move their governments to phase out the reliance on nuclear deterrence and negotiate for comprehensive nuclear disarmament.

Examples of PNND action on the plan:

- **Briefing paper and advocacy at the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in Luxembourg.** PNND members proposed text which was adopted in the [OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Luxembourg Declaration](#) calling on nuclear armed and allied states to agree to no-first-use of nuclear weapons, adopt other disarmament and confidence-building measures, increase direct military-to-military contacts, and support the TPNW (for the first time at an OSCE meeting).
- **PNND members in the USA, South Korea and Japan** hosted a number of events and organised a number of appeals and resolutions to support diplomacy, peace and denuclearisation in North East Asia. These included Joint Legislative Letters to the US Administration led by PNND Co-President Senator Markey and an [international conference held in PyeongChang, South Korea](#) on the 2nd anniversary of the 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, where the diplomatic initiative for peace started.
- **PNND members (parliamentarians) were active in achieving ratification of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons during 2019 -2020** in a number of parliaments. 35 countries had ratified by May 2020.
- **PNND cosponsored a Global Bike Ride for Peace and Nuclear Disarmament**, in early 2019 led by Tore Naerland, a blind rider and long-time nuclear disarmament campaigner. [The bike ride](#) started from the UK parliament on Feb 27 and went through France, India, China, Australia, New Zealand and USA before returning to Norway on April 6, the *International Day of Sport for Peace and Development*.
- **PNND organised a UK speaking tour for the ATOM Project Ambassador Karipbek Kuyukov**, a second generation victim of Soviet nuclear tests, in cooperation with the ATOM Project. [The tour](#) included exhibitions of Mr Kuykov's art and events in the UK and Scottish parliaments and in the Manchester City Hall.
- **PNND chaired a special session of the IPU Assembly in Serbia, October 2019** to evaluate implementation of the IPU resolution on nuclear disarmament and the *Parliamentary Action Plan for a Nuclear Weapon Free World*. [Click here](#) for more information.
- **PNND members participated in the Move the Nuclear Weapons Money campaign.** This included introducing legislation such as the SANE (Smarter Approach to Nuclear Expenditure) Act in the USA, promoting the campaign through social media memes and participating in [Count the Nuclear Weapons Money action](#) in New York.



PNND member Katja Keul at the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly introducing the proposal to support the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.



Karipbek Kuyukov and his art exhibition in London

2. UNSG's Disarmament Agenda: Securing our Common Future

PNND organised an [international parliamentary meeting at the UN](#) in February 2020 to build parliamentary engagement in implementation of *Securing our Common Future*, the disarmament agenda released by the UNSG in May 2018. *PNND prepared and circulated a draft parliamentary handbook* on which has been circulated to parliamentarians and experts for feedback and will be published in October 2020.

3. Women, peace and disarmament

PNND organised two special activities to highlight the role of women in 2019-2020:

- **130 Ideas the never grow old**, an international conference held in Prague, Oct 2019 highlighting the legacy and continued relevance of the ideas and initiatives of Bertha von Suttner, the Czech peace and disarmament campaigner who was the first woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. The conference was co-organised with PragueVision for Sustainable Development, World Future Council and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Czech Republic, and hosted by the City of Prague and the Czech Foreign Ministry. See <http://bertha.praguevision.org>
- **Human security for public health, peace and sustainable development: A global women's appeal to commemorate International Women's Day for Peace and Disarmament (May 24) and the 75th anniversary year of the United Nations.** [The appeal](#), which is organised by PNND, World Future Council and Women Legislators' Lobby, was endorsed by over 200 women legislators, religious leaders and civil society leaders from around the world, and will be sent to government and UN leaders after being released publicly on May 24, 2020.

4. COVID-19, peace and disarmament

PNND members have been active in address issues relating to the pandemic, including the connections between peace, security, disarmament and the pandemic. Activities in 2020 included:

- **Promoting human security, the WHO and the UN.** PNND responded to the pandemic by highlighting (in blogs, social media...) the importance of human security including public health, the incompatibility of nuclear weapons with a human security framework, and the need to shift resources and political priorities from nuclear weapons to public health and human security.
- **Initiatives by PNND members to shift national priorities and federal resources from military defence to addressing the pandemic.** One example is the action by Senator Ed Markey in the United States to move the US administration to implement the *1950 Defense Production Act for Massive Wartime Manufacturing Mobilization* to vastly upscale the development of coronavirus tests and medical equipment;
- **Initiatives by PNND members to scale back nuclear war preparations in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.** An example is the [joint letter by former UK Naval Commanders](#), supported by PNND UK Co-Presidents Sue Miller and Bill Kidd, which was sent to all UK parliamentarians calling for an end to UK continuous-at-sea-deterrence in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"With human beings and national economies under genuine **threat** from the **COVID-19 pandemic**, it is the **duty** of the **governments and parliaments** of the **nuclear-armed States** and their allies to pull back from **nuclear war** planning and preparation, and to instead **cooperate internationally** on facing down this **deadly pandemic**."

- **Bill Kidd**, PNND Co-President. Convenor Scottish Parliament Cross-Party Group on Nuclear Disarmament.



"Nuclear weapons have enormous humanitarian consequences, and pose a **threat** to all of **humanity** and the **planet**. All attempts to normalize them must be counteracted. The **risk** of a new **nuclear war** cannot be overlooked. And the **corona crisis** shows that countries everywhere need **welfare** and **healthcare**, not **nuclear weapons** and **war**. We must stop the production of weapons, and invest these resources in **human services**."

- **Amineh Kakabaveh**, Independent Member of the Swedish Parliament.

