

Abolition 2000 Nuclear Risk Reduction Working Group Annual Report

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The Abolition 2000 Risk Reduction Working group has not been idle. Over the past 12 months we have sent just under 20 missives urging risk reduction to the UN General Assembly and US Congressional Committees on nuclear forces, either by email or else by old-fashioned fax. In a number of cases, our missives to UNGA have been followed within a month or so by one or two Governments incorporating their language or what they have called for, in their own presentations, e.g. to First Committee.

The Abolition 2000 Risk Reduction Working Group Annual Report is, I believe, best presented as a list of urls for what the working group has sent out to the world.

The following is a listing, not maybe entirely complete, of major letters, memos and press-releases that I have authored with other working group members in my capacity as co-convenor of the Abolition 2000 working group on Nuclear Risk Reduction. Thanks to my fellow co-convenors, Alyn and Aaron, for the effort they have put in to edit these missives.

Listing the urls for these documents is in my view, the best way to appreciate what the working group has actually DONE.

Indeed it IS what the group has done, to a large extent.

Included also are presentations to plenary sessions of NPT prepcom meetings including ([here](#) and [here](#)) what would have been a presentation to the 2020 NPT Rev-con plenary on risk reduction, had that meeting taken place. It was instead presented, in a kind of dry run, at a peace conference in Parramatta on 10 Feb 2020. In some much-revised form it will doubtless be presented at the plenary for the NPT Review Conference whenever and wherever that does finally take place. I am doubtful that this will be as early as next May in NY, but doubtless we will be advised by the epidemiologists.

The Abolition 2000 working group on nuclear risk reduction has been and will continue to be, highly active in lobbying for nuclear risk reduction both through and after, the COVID-19 Pandemic, itself an event with profound nuclear risk implications.

We intend both to do a further memo on COVID-19 and nuclear risk, in which the importance of risk reduction even during the pandemic is emphasised, and in which a strong plea will be made once more for the reaffirmation (whether or not the US and Russia are prepared to do so) of the Reagan-Gorbachev statement that a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought.

Note that most of the urls listed are on the PND website, (**PND** NOT PNND in this case) though one or two are on the RCW website and the website of Abolition 2000 itself. We hope to have all on the Abolition 2000 website.

<http://www.abolition2000.org/en/working-groups/nuclear-risk-reduction/>

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17 Feb 2020 100 Seconds to Midnight - Memo emailed to General Assembly
<http://www.pndnsw.org.au/articles/flashpoints/436-100-seconds-to-midnight-memo-emailed-to-un-general-assembly.html>

24 Jan 2020 - 100 Seconds to Midnight - Closer to the Apocalypse than Ever (Doomsday Clock announcement)
<http://www.pndnsw.org.au/component/content/article/48-pnd-newsflash/434-100-seconds-to-midnight-closer-to-the-apocalypse-than-ever.html>

21 Dec 2019 Letter on New START Treaty Extension Faxed (Yes, Faxed) to US Congress
Nuke Weapons Committees
<http://www.pndnsw.org.au/articles/flashpoints/431-letter-on-new-start-treaty-extension-faxed-to-us-congress.html>

7 October 2019 Is Kashmir (or anything) really worth 100 Million casualties and catastrophic global climatic impacts?
<http://www.pndnsw.org.au/component/content/article/48-pnd-newsflash/428-is-kashmir-or-anything-really-worth-100-million-immediate-casualties-and-catastrophic-global-clima.html>

3 September - India and Pakistan urged to Avoid Nuclear War (press release)
<http://www.pndnsw.org.au/component/content/article/48-pnd-newsflash/422-india-pakistan-urged-to-avoid-nuclear-war.html>

26 Sept Speech on International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons
<http://www.pndnsw.org.au/articles/flashpoints/425-speech-for-sept-26-international-day-for-the-total-elimination-of-nuclear-weapons.html>

18 Sept Ban Treaty Resolution in Aust HoR
<http://www.pndnsw.org.au/component/content/article/48-pnd-newsflash/424-with-world-on-brink-of-nuclear-abyss-ban-treaty-motion-in-hor-is-exactly-what-we-need.html>

2 Sept Modi-Khan Letter on Nuclear Risk (emailed to Indian Parlt, Pk senate)
<http://www.pndnsw.org.au/component/content/article/48-pnd-newsflash/421-modikhan-letter-on-nuclear-risk-in-sasia.html>

29 Aug International Day Against Nuclear Tests
<http://www.pndnsw.org.au/component/content/article/48-pnd-newsflash/419-29-aug-international-day-against-nuclear-tests.html>

26 Aug 2019 memo to UNGA on 26 Sept International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons High Level Meeting

<http://www.pndnsw.org.au/component/content/article/48-pnd-newsflash/418-memo-to-unga-on-sept-26th-high-level-meeting-on-nuclear-disarmament.html>

Aug 14 Letter to Australian Govt re 26 Sept International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

<http://www.pndnsw.org.au/component/content/article/48-pnd-newsflash/417-letter-to-pm-morrison-on-sept-26-un-high-level-meeting-on-nuclear-disarmament.html>

3 Aug 2019 INF Treaty Demise (Release)

<http://www.pndnsw.org.au/component/content/article/48-pnd-newsflash/414-inf-treaty-demise-not-all-russias-fault.html>

1 Aug 2019 INF Treaty Demise one more step toward Midnight

<http://www.pndnsw.org.au/component/content/article/48-pnd-newsflash/413-inf-treaty-demise-one-more-step-toward-midnight.html>

1 May 2019 Presentation to Plenary on Nuclear Risk Reduction at 2019 NPT Preparatory Committee

https://reachingcriticalwill.org/images/documents/Disarmament-fora/npt/prepcom19/statements/1May_Abolition2000.pdf

Presentation on Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) and Nuclear Risk at UN 29 April 2019

<http://www.pndnsw.org.au/articles/features/409-presentation-on-electromagnetic-pulse-to-un-29-april-2019.html>

Letter re Nuclear War Risk to Modi, Khan 28 Feb 2019

<http://www.pndnsw.org.au/component/content/article/408-letter-to-prime-ministers-narendra-modi-imran-khan.html>

25 Feb 2019 Nuclear War in S. Asia Could mean deaths of 100's of millions (Release)

<http://www.pndnsw.org.au/component/content/article/48-pnd-newsflash/406-nuclear-war-in-s-asia-could-mean-the-deaths-of-hundreds-of-millions-or-even-over-a-billion.html>

3 Feb 2019 Trashing the INF – Why trashing the INF brings 'midnight' closer (Release)

<http://www.pndnsw.org.au/component/content/article/48-pnd-newsflash/404-another-step-toward-nuclear-midnight-as-us-russia-trash-inf-treaty.html>

Doomsday Clock Remains at 2 Mins - World Running out of Time (Release)

<http://www.pndnsw.org.au/component/content/article/48-pnd-newsflash/403-doomsday-clock-remains-at-2-mins-to-midnight-world-is-running-out-of-time.html>