



PNND Report to the Abolition 2000 Annual Meeting of 2022

INTRODUCTION – ABOUT PNND

Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (PNND) is a global, cross-party network of legislators working to reduce nuclear risks, prevent nuclear proliferation and achieve a nuclear weapon free world. It is open for membership by any legislator at state, national or regional levels. PNND works in cooperation with Mayors for Peace which engages legislators at city level, and is an affiliated network of Abolition 2000.

PNND participates in the *Inter-Parliamentary Union* (178 member parliaments) and the *OSCE Parliamentary assembly* through PNND members who are on their parliamentary delegations and have leadership roles. In addition, PNND is a permanent observer of the IPU and partners with IPU on a number of projects (see below).

PNND is led by its Co-Presidents and Council, which is made up of leading legislators from around the world. They are supported by PNND staff and interns working from various offices in Europe, North America and Asia. PNND Co-Presidents include **Senator Ed Markey** (USA) Chair of the Senate Sub-Committee on East Asia, **Saber Chowdhury** (Bangladesh) Honorary President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, **Christine Muttonen** (Austria), Former President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, **Baroness Sue Miller** (UK), Vice-Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Global Security and Non-Proliferation, **Bill Kidd MSP** (Scotland), Chair of the Cross-Party Group on Nuclear Disarmament, **Se-kyun Chung** (South Korea), Former Prime Minister of South Korea, and **Mani Shankar Aiyar** (India), Member of Global Zero and Chair of the Rajiv Gandhi Plan for a Nuclear Weapon Free and Nonviolent World Order.

Abolition 2000 members work in cooperation with PNND by a) **inviting their legislators to join PNND**, b) participating in PNND events, and c) engaging in joint initiatives of PNND and Abolition 2000 member organizations/working groups.

PNND ACTIVITIES AUGUST 2021- JULY 2022

Assuring our Common Future: Parliamentary Handbook

PNND led the development, publication and launch of [Assuring our Common Future](#), a parliamentary handbook on disarmament for security and sustainable development. The handbook, available online in English and French, provides background information and examples of parliamentary action and effective policy addressing the full range of disarmament issues.

Chapters include [Disarmament to save humanity](#) (weapons of mass destruction and weaponization of space), [Disarmament that saves lives](#) (inhumane weapons and conventional weapons), [Disarmament for future generations](#) (autonomous weapons and disarmament in cyberspace), [Disarmament for the climate and sustainable development](#), [Pandemics and disarmament](#) and [Strengthening partnerships](#).

PNND, IPU and other partners organized a series of follow-up webinars for parliamentarians, experts and civil society reps on some of the issues/chapters in the handbook. This included [Disarmament, public health, and pandemics](#) in November 2021, [Nuclear disarmament and human security](#) in January 2022, and [Disarmament that saves lives: parliamentary action to control small arms and light weapons](#) in March 2022.



Nuclear disarmament and the pandemic

PNNND has highlighted the contribution nuclear disarmament can make to addressing the pandemic, including shifting of nuclear weapons budgets (see below) and enhancing global management of the pandemic. This includes a special section in the Parliamentary Handbook on [Disarmament in a post COVID-19 pandemic world](#) and a section on effective policies on [Pandemics and disarmament, public health and economic sustainability](#). One example of legislative action is the [Invest in Cures Before Missiles \(ICBM\) Act](#) introduced in the US Senate by PNNND Co-President Senator Markey.



PNNND and IPU co-organized a parliamentary webinar on November 9 and 10 on **Disarmament and Public Health** to follow-up on the policy examples and recommendations on this issue in the Parliamentary Handbook on disarmament. Speakers included **Dr Yuriy Kryvonos** (Nepal), Director of United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia; **Rt Hon Helen Clark** (New Zealand), Co-Chair, The Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response. Former Administrator of the UN Development Program and Former Prime Minister of New Zealand; **Dr (med) Hedy Fry MP**, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Special Representative on Gender, Chair of Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament – Canada; and others.

Invasion of Ukraine, common security and nuclear threats

PNNND has been active in 2022 in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine and to the increase in nuclear threats and the erosion of international law and common security arising from the invasion. This has included a range of [Legislators' actions on the Russian invasion of Ukraine and increased nuclear threats](#), organizing a webinar on [Common security, nuclear risks and the OSCE in the wake of the Ukraine conflict, action in the 144th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly](#) resulting in the adoption of an IPU resolution on [Peaceful resolution of the war in Ukraine, respecting international law, the Charter of the United Nations and territorial integrity](#), and [advocacy at the Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly](#) which influenced the adoption of a strong Birmingham Declaration.

Climate-Nuclear Disarmament Nexus

PNNND was active in 2022 on the issue of climate change, which like nuclear weapons pose an existential threat to humanity. We organized a series of in-person and online events on the [Climate Nuclear Disarmament Nexus](#) which highlighted the connections between nuclear threats and the climate crisis. These included [Climate, peace and human security](#) which was held in the Swedish parliament in conjunction with the Stockholm plus 50 international conference in June 2022; [The United Nations and the Climate-Nuclear Disarmament Nexus](#) held during Disarmament Week 2021 and [Nuclear Weapons & Climate Change](#), a hybrid event held in Westminster Hall, London in Sep 2021 to Commemorate the International Day Against Nuclear Tests.



Panelists at the PNNND Westminster event **Moetai Brotherson MP** (French Polynesia), **Erlan Idrissov** (Kazakhstan Ambassador to the UK), **Daniel Plesch** (UK), **Lord Hannay** (Chair of All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Security) and **Aigerim Seitenova** (Kazakhstan).

Gender, Peace and Security

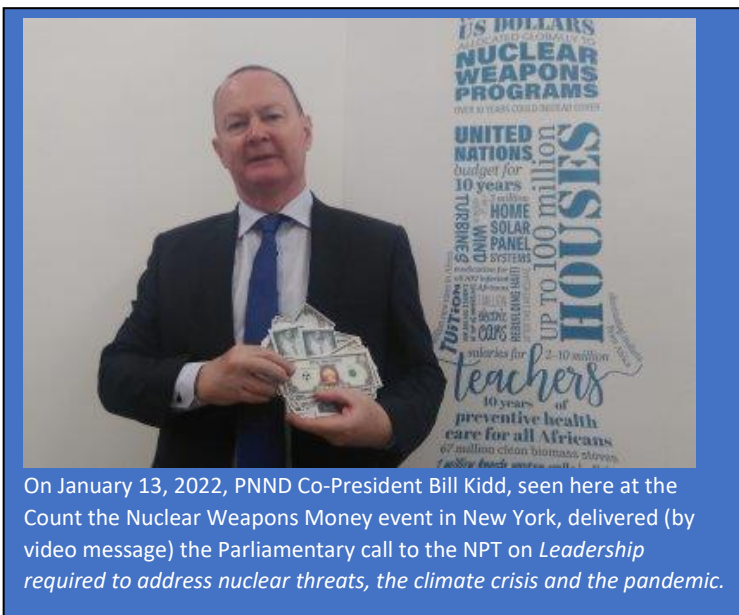
PNND's [Gender, Peace and Security program](#) focuses on three key aspects of gender in the nuclear disarmament field – inclusion, political dynamics/perspectives and nuclear weapons impact. Program activities during 2022 included a [Commemoration and action call for International Women's Day](#) (March 8), a [Commemoration event for International Women's Day for Peace and Disarmament](#) (May 24) and presentations by PNND members and staff on *Gender and nuclear disarmament* at various events. PNND also promotes the work of member Dr Hedy Fry MP (Canada) who serves as the [OSCE Parliamentary Special Representative on Gender Issues](#).



TPNW, NPT and NWFZs

PNND was active on various treaty issues and meetings in 2021-2022 including the *Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons* (national implementation and first Meeting of States Parties), Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones (existing NWFZs plus initiatives for the establishment of such zones in North-East Asia, the Middle East, Europe and the Arctic) and the Non-Proliferation Treaty (preparation for the 10th NPT Review Conference).

With regard to the NPT Review Conference this included a Parliamentary call to the NPT on [Leadership required to address nuclear threats, the climate crisis and the pandemic](#) (delivered by video statement of Bill Kidd) and promotion of [Fulfil the NPT: From nuclear threats to human security](#), an Open Letter from civil society to the NPT.

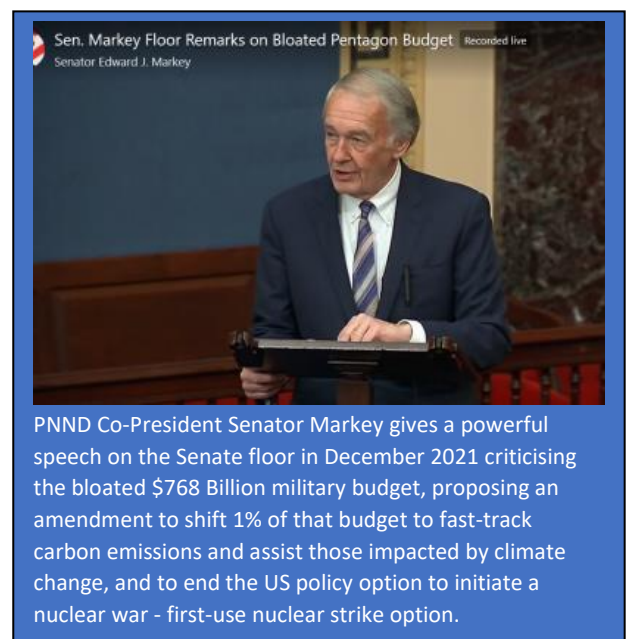


On January 13, 2022, PNND Co-President Bill Kidd, seen here at the Count the Nuclear Weapons Money event in New York, delivered (by video message) the Parliamentary call to the NPT on *Leadership required to address nuclear threats, the climate crisis and the pandemic*.

Nuclear weapons budgets and divestment

PNND is a co-founder and partner in the global [Move the Nuclear Weapons Money campaign](#), which focuses on cutting nuclear weapons budgets, ending investments in the nuclear weapons industry and reallocating these budgets and investments to instead support climate stabilization, public health, economic recovery from the pandemic and sustainable development.

PNND members advance these issues in their respective legislatures. This has included adoption of a number of nuclear weapons divestment policies at federal and state level. PNND members in the UK have also led on economic conversion initiatives in order to protect jobs while undertaking nuclear disarmament. For details see the Parliamentary Handbook section on [Disarmament for the climate and sustainable development](#).



PNND Co-President Senator Markey gives a powerful speech on the Senate floor in December 2021 criticising the bloated \$768 Billion military budget, proposing an amendment to shift 1% of that budget to fast-track carbon emissions and assist those impacted by climate change, and to end the US policy option to initiate a nuclear war - first-use nuclear strike option.