Introduction

Parliamentarians for Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament (PNND) is the only open-entry, cross-party, global network of parliamentarians focused on nuclear risk-reduction, nonproliferation and disarmament.

PNND was established in 2003 by the Middle Powers Initiative, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, International Peace Bureau and Global Security Initiative in order to build cooperation between civil society activists and parliamentarians. PNND is led by a seven Co-Presidents (current or former parliamentarians) and a council of 40 leading parliamentarians from around the world, supported by the PNND Global Coordinator and secretariats/volunteer coordinators in Auckland Basel, Prague, Tokyo and Washington.

PNND has built strong partnerships with civil society networks, the United Nations Office of Disarmament Affairs and inter-parliamentary bodies such as the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

PNND Activities in 2023 included:

- **Feb 8:** Common Security: Nuclear War Prevention and Global Abolition of Nuclear Weapons. Panel at the PyeongChang Odae-San Peace (POP) Global Forum;
- **Mar 12:** Promoting peaceful coexistence and inclusive societies: Fighting intolerance, presentation to the 146th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly, Bahrain;
- **May 5:** PNND Co-President Senator Markey introduces the Hastening Arms Limitation Talks (HALT) Act, legislation that would establish a 21st century freeze on the testing, production, and deployment of nuclear weapons;
- **May 12:** PNND Korea and the 3+3 Coalition co-host a conference of Korean and Japanese parliamentarians in the Korean National Assembly on the proposal for a NE Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone.
- **May 17:** PNND Japan holds a meeting in the Japanese parliament to discuss the proposal for a NE Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone.
- **May 2023:** PNND members endorse Nuclear Taboo from Norm to Law, a declaration of public conscience which is presented to the G7 Summit in Hiroshima, along with a Letter from PNND Co-President Senator Markey on nuclear disarmament and the G7 Summit;
- **May 24:** PNND is invited to brief the Bundestag (German Parliament) Subcommittee on Disarmament, Arms Control and Disarmament on nuclear risk-reduction, disarmament, the NPY and the UN Summit of the Future.
- **July 4:** PNND organizes a side event Common Security, Nuclear Risk-Reduction and the UN Summit of the Future at the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in Vancouver, and successfully lobbies the Assembly to adopt resolutions on nuclear risk reduction, disarmament and the UN Summit of the Future.
- **July 10:** PNND joins Abolition 2000 in an online event NWC Reset: Frameworks for a Nuclear-Weapons-Free World, to discuss the working paper to the NPT Abolition 2000 NWC Reset: Frameworks for a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World;
• **July 13 and 20:** PNND joins with Citizens for Global Solutions in co-organising an event *Finding Hope in the Climate - Peace - Disarmament Nexus*, an Intergenerational dialogue on solutions to existential threats;

• **July 23:** As Oppenheimer movie opens, PNND Co-President Senator Markey **meets the author and highlights nuclear war prevention**;

• **July 25:** PNND Global Coordinator Alyn Ware presents to the NPT Working Group on *Parliamentary and UN High Level Event engagement to enhance the NPT Review Process*. PNND Program Officer Vanessa Lanteigne presents to the NPT Working Group on *Gender inclusivity and approaches to enhance the NPT Review Process*.

• **Aug 2:** PNND Program Officer Vanessa Lanteigne presents to the plenary session of the NPT Prep Com on *Parliamentary support for NPT goals of nuclear-risk reduction and disarmament*.

• **Aug 4:** PNND, World Future Council and World Federalist Movement cosponsor an event at the UN in Vienna on *Common Security v. Nuclear Weapons: How to replace the current reliance on nuclear deterrence with sustainable security for all*.

• **Sep 9:** *World Federalism, the Doomsday Clock and the Summit of the Future*. Joint event with World Federalist Movement.

• **Sep 28:** PNND, Citizens for Global Solutions and the 3+3 Coalition organize a *delegation visit of Japanese parliamentarians to Washington DC* for meetings in the Congress and with DC think tanks.

• **Nov 23:** *The Peace, Climate Change and Disarmament Nexus*, an online parliamentary event co-hosted by PNND and the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

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*Nuclear weapons cannot meet the security issues of today*

"Key security issues of today, whether that be climate change, conflict, poverty or pandemics cannot be resolved by threats or even actual use of nuclear weapons. On the contrary, such weapons make these situations much worse and threaten current and future generations.

This Declaration of Public Conscience reinforces the urgency and highlights the legal obligation and public call to eliminate the nuclear threat, now."

*Saber Chowdhury MP (Bangladesh). PNND Co-President
Honorary President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union
Endorser of Nuclear Taboo, from Norm to Law*

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*The use of nuclear arms will only create losers*

"The use of nuclear arms will effectively only create losers. Those who suffer the nuclear attack, those who will suffer the retaliation, and all others when radioactivity spreads around the globe."

*Bodil Valero (Sweden). PNND Council Member,
former Member of the European Parliament.
Endorser of Nuclear Taboo from Norm to Law*