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NPT 2018: FOCUS ON WHAT REALLY MATTERS

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Since states parties to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) last met in 2017, there have been changes in the nuclear disarmament landscape.

Most notable is the adoption in July 2017 of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), which outlaws the development, possession, use, and threat of use of nuclear weapons. This Treaty is the outcome of years of discussion on the humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons and the recognition that the only way to prevent these weapons from being used is to prohibit and eliminate them. Two-thirds of UN member states adopted the Treaty and momentum continues to build as more states sign and ratify it—several are expected to do so imminently.

Nuclear-armed states or those that include nuclear weapons in their security doctrines continue to view the TPNW as distracting or even damaging to the disarmament community and international security. In their strange calculus more nuclear weapons makes our world safer. They have argued that the Treaty and its proponents have created divisions in the international community and that the TPNW challenges the NPT.

This is inaccurate. Divided and differing views about nuclear weapons have always existed. What has changed in the last year is that states and other actors have at last given voice to their collective dissatisfaction by developing a new legal instrument to further delegitimise nuclear weapons and make them illegal. It fills a gap in international law and complements the NPT.¹ Let's not forget that the NPT itself sets out both the rationale and obligation to ban nuclear weapons and highlights the catastrophic consequences of the use of nuclear weapons as motivation for preventing proliferation and achieving disarmament. This is also a primary motivation of the TPNW. As stipulated in article VI of the NPT, it is the responsibility of all states to make progress towards negotiations on nuclear disarmament.

Any step towards the categorical prohibition of nuclear weapons is consistent with the NPT and constitutes an "effective measure" such as referred to in article VI. A clear majority of states and civil society look forward to seeing the positive interplay between the NPT and TPNW unfold, such as with other agreements that reinforce NPT provisions.

It's really the areas where there has been no change that states parties should focus on most. Many of the challenges and priorities facing this review cycle are found in unfulfilled commitments, actions not taken, and political deadlock.² The action plan from the 2010 NPT Review Conference remains only partially implemented. Only five of 22 action points on disarmament actions saw substantial forward movement. The non-nuclear-armed states parties who maintain a doctrine of "extended nuclear deterrence" have shown no signs of movement towards diminishing the role of nuclear weapons in their military concepts. Many, in fact, have become even more resolute in their defence of nuclear weapons as legitimate and necessary. All nuclear-armed states parties are "modernising" and in some cases expanding their arsenals of warheads and delivery systems.

The longstanding, unresolved issue of a nuclear weapon free zone in the Middle East is a priority for states parties yet it will be challenging to progress that issue at this conference, given the uncertain future of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). The next deadline for the United States to recertify the deal and waive its sanctions on Iran is 12 May, just a week after the end of the PrepCom. It's no secret that the current US administration does not see value in the JCPOA, despite the efforts of other partners to ensure it continues to hold. The collapse of the JCPOA would, in the immediate term, put an end to the controls it established on Iran's nuclear programme but more broadly, impact regional stability, complicating the potential for progress on relevant NPT commitments.³ There

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are warnings of a nuclear crisis.

This may also, in turn, influence upcoming talks between the leaders of the US and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), in the sense that the DPRK may re-consider its newfound support for denuclearisation and trust in the international community.⁴ The still tenuous but improving relationships between DPRK and South Korea, and DPRK and the US, as well steps toward ending testing and development are extremely welcome and to be encouraged. Yet they are also very fragile. It is anticipated that there could be a ripple effect into the conference room from the inter-Korean summit on 27 April.

Between what has changed and what remains the same, a constant is that achieving nuclear disarmament now, amidst rising tensions and increasingly aggressive use of force around the world, is more urgent than ever. •

Notes

1. See, *Preventing Collapse: the NPT and a ban on nuclear weapons*, Reaching Critical Will, April 2013.
2. For further information, see *2018 NPT Briefing Book*, Reaching Critical Will of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, March 2018
3. "'It will not be very pleasant,' Iran warns, if Trump sabotages nuclear deal", *The Guardian*, 22 April 2018.
4. David E. Sanger, "How Trump's Disdain for the Iran Deal Makes a North Korea Pact Even Harder", *New York Times*, 22 March 2018.



Events of Mayors for Peace at building A, Palais des Nations, Geneva

The Mayors for Peace A-bomb Poster Exhibition

April 23rd - April 26th near the Assembly Hall

**See What Happened
under the A-bomb Blast!**



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Mayors for Peace Youth Forum

April 26th 10:00 - 12:00

Room XVI

**Listen to the Voices
of Youth
from the World!**

A CALL TO ACTION AT THE START OF THE NPT PREPCOM

Wolfgang Schlupp-Hauck | Friedenswerkstatt Mutlangen

This year it will be 50 years since the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) opened for signature. As we all know it includes in its Article VI the promise to pursue negotiations in good faith to reach general and complete disarmament.

Thirty years ago, through the Intermediate-Range Forces (INF) Treaty a whole class of nuclear weapons was disarmed. One can say that INF Treaty was one important step of fulfilling the NPT disarmament obligation.

The German delegation of the Friedenswerkstatt Mutlangen e.V. will acknowledge this through a public action on the opening day of the 2018 Preparatory Committee (PrepCom).

It will start with a vigil on the Place des Nations near the Broken Chair at 08:15, which is approximately the time when the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. It will include exhibits that feature quotes from Mayors for Peace as part of its international art project "50 Cities 50 Traces—for a world without nuclear weapons". It will continue with a vigil at 11:02 to demand that Nagasaki be the last city to experience a nuclear bombing. The action will end 11:58 with a collective wish to stop the Doomsday Clock moving further forward.

The public action will also demand that the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) enter into force as soon as possible.

You are invited to join the vigils and to drop by at anytime!

By joining the action, you can take photos to share with your friends, and the world, and send the message that states must keep their promises and eliminate nuclear weapons. •

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MUTLANGEN MANIFESTO



Workshop about the INF-Treaty INVITATION

Tuesday, April 24th 15:00
Palais de Nation, Room XVI

Greetings by Stephanie Eßwein,
Mayor of Mutlangen, Germany
Comments by Pavel Podvig,
Russian Nuclear Forces Project
Comments by Jackie Cabasso,
Western States Legal Foundation
Comments by Susi Snyder,
Pax, Netherlands

The INF-Treaty made Mutlangen, a deployment site of nuclear Pershing II missiles, nuclear weapons free. The Mayors of the region and the peace movement are concerned about this cornerstone for European security. In the Mutlangen Manifesto they express the importance of the treaty for nuclear disarmament and security, the demand, that it should be maintained and explain they will do for a more peaceful and nuclear free world.

Wolfgang Schlupp-Hauck, Chairman of the Friedenswerkstatt Mutlangen will facilitate the exchange about the Mutlangen Manifesto between NGOs and Diplomats.

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Panel Discussion on the Nexus between the Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty and Article VI of the Nonproliferation Treaty

25 April 2018, 18:00 to 20:00,

Maison de la Paix, Room A2

Chemin Eugène-Rigot 2, 1202 Genève, Switzerland

Speakers:

Ms. Susanne Hammer, Mission of Austria

Ms. Katy Donnelly, Mission of New Zealand

Ms. Sarah Bidgood, James Martin Center for
Nonproliferation Studies

Ms. Selma van Oostwaard, PAX and Amplify

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday 23 April

When	What	Where	Who
8:00	Interfaith prayer-vigil for the success of the NPT PrepCom	Pregny Gate	Christian Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament
10:00-13:00	Plenary	Assembly Hall	
11:00-12:30	Parliamentary action plan for a nuclear weapon-free world	Room XVI	PNND
13:15-14:30	Don't Bank on the Bomb	Room XVI	PAX
13:15-14:30	The European Union support for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) and its Organisation	Room XI	European Union and CTBTO
15:00-18:00	Plenary	Assembly Hall	
15:00-17:00	The new nuclear arms race and the NPT	Room XVI	Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs

For more information about side events taking place on other dates, visit <http://reachingcriticalwill.org/disarmament-fora/npt/2018/calendar>.

The Trump Nuclear Doctrine: The Nuclear Posture Review's Threats to the NPT and Humanity

Speakers:

JACKIE CABASSO, Western States Legal Foundation

LISA CLARK, International Peace Bureau

KATE HUDSON, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament

CESAR JARAMILLO, Project Ploughshares

RICK WAYMAN, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation

Tuesday, 24 April 10:00-13:00

Room XVI





HIROSHIMA PREFECTURE

STOCKHOLM INTERNATIONAL
PEACE RESEARCH INSTITUTEUNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE
FOR DISARMAMENT RESEARCH

Identifying concrete steps to move forward nuclear disarmament

Date & Time:

Wednesday, April 25
13:15-14:45

Place:

Palais des Nations
Room XXVII, Building E

* Sandwiches will be served

Speakers:

- Hidehiko Yuzaki, Governor, Hiroshima Prefecture
- Sibylle Bauer, Director of Studies, SIPRI
- John Borrie, Chief of Research, UNIDIR
- Nobuharu Imanishi, Director of Arms Control and Disarmament Division,
Disarmament, Non-Proliferation and Science Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan
- Nick Ritchie, Lecturer, University of York

More speakers may be added.

After the presentation of new SIPRI and UNIDIR research, there will be discussion with respondents and the audience.

Moderator:

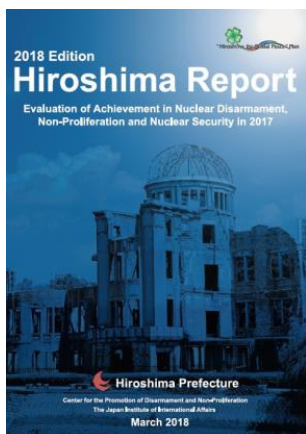
- Nobumasa Akiyama, Professor, Hitotsubashi University *

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- No registration is required



New publication

Hiroshima Report 2018: Evaluation of Achievement in Nuclear Disarmament, Non-proliferation and Nuclear Security in 2017

Hiroshima Report 2018 can be downloaded at

<http://www.pref.hiroshima.lg.jp/site/peace-en/hirosimareport2018e.html>

For the "Hiroshima for Global Peace" Plan, please visit:

<http://www.pref.hiroshima.lg.jp/site/peace-en>

