

Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament

A network of more than 700 parliamentarians in 75 countries

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BAN KI-MOON
UN Secretary-General

About the parliamentary network

PNND is a non-partisan network of over 700 parliamentarians in 75 countries working to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons and achieve their total elimination. It is dedicated to providing parliamentarians with up-to-date information on nuclear weapons policies and helping them become engaged in nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament initiatives. PNND members actively promote nuclear disarmament in their parliaments, among civil society, in the media and in international forums including the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the UN General Assembly. PNND helps parliamentarians connect with their colleagues in other parliaments and with diplomats and government officials, disarmament experts and civil society leaders globally.

Parliamentarians at all levels

PNND includes parliamentarians from state/territory, national and regional legislatures. While issues of nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament are typically dealt with on a national level, legislatures at other levels are responsible for ensuring the health, welfare and security of their constituents, which are threatened by nuclear weapons. State/territory parliamentarians can, for example, join parliamentary declarations, support disarmament education initiatives in schools and local communities, and act to divest state moneys from nuclear weapons companies.



Above: PNND representatives meet with UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in 2009.



Prominent members in Australia

- **Hon. Julia Gillard MP**
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- **Harry Jenkins MP**
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- **Senator Bob Brown**
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- **Hon. Peter Garrett AM, MP**
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The vital role of parliamentarians

In September 2009, Australia's Joint Standing Committee on Treaties agreed that 'there is an important opportunity at the present time for parliamentarians in Australia and around the world to contribute to building political will and a commitment to a global approach to nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament'.

Parliamentarians at all levels have a crucial role to play in crafting policies that meet the security needs of their people. The PNND network helps parliamentarians to play this role more effectively by providing:

- Information on nuclear disarmament issues and on international events including UN disarmament meetings
- Examples of parliamentary resolutions, motions, questions and legislation from around the world
- Contacts with parliamentary colleagues in other countries with whom to share information and ideas
- A forum for developing joint strategies between parliaments
- Links with disarmament experts.

LETTER FROM THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL TO THE WORLD'S PARLIAMENTS

We stand at a watershed moment for the achievement of international security through a world free of nuclear weapons. For several years now, momentum has been building towards this goal, due in no small part to the diligent efforts of civil society and parliamentarians. I salute Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament for its work towards building support for a nuclear weapon convention.

Parliamentarians and parliaments play a key role in the success of disarmament and non-proliferation efforts. Parliaments support the implementation of treaties and global agreements contributing to the rule of law and promoting adherence to commitments. They adopt legislation that increases transparency and accountability, thus building trust, facilitating verification and creating conditions that are conducive to the further pursuit of disarmament.

At a time when the international community is facing unprecedented global challenges, parliamentarians can take on leading roles in ensuring sustainable global security, while reducing the diversion of precious resources from human needs. As parliaments set the fiscal priorities for their respective countries, they can determine how much to

invest in the pursuit of peace and cooperative security. Towards this end, parliaments can establish the institutional infrastructures to support the development of necessary practical measures.

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to encourage all parliamentarians to join in efforts to achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world. In particular, I call upon parliamentarians to increase their support for peace and disarmament, to bring disarmament and non-proliferation treaties into force, and to start work now on the legislative agendas needed to achieve and sustain the objective of nuclear disarmament.

I look forward to opportunities to work with you to advance global nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.

Ban Ki-moon

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