United Nations 2020
Enhancing peace, disarmament & the role of women
A global webinar commemorating the 75th anniversary of the UN Charter
Wednesday June 24, 2020. 11:00-13:30 EDT (17:00-19:30 CET)

Session 1: 11:00-12:10 EDT
Chair: Kehkashan Basu (UAE/Canada)
Youth Ambassador, World Future Council.
Winner, 2016 International Children’s Peace Prize

Speakers:
Hon Izumi Nakamitsu
United Nations
UN Under-Secretary General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs

Hon Maria Espinosa
Ecuador
Member World Future Council.
President of the 73rd UN General Assembly

Dip Gabriela Cuevas Barron
Mexico
Member, Mexico Chamber of Deputies
President, Inter-Parliamentary Union

Baroness Sue Miller
United Kingdom
PNND Co-President. Vice-Chair, UK All Party Parliamentary Group on Global Security and Non-proliferation

Hon Ann-Sofie Nilsson
Sweden
Ambassador for Disarmament and Nonproliferation

Interlude: 12:10
Performance by Holly Near
USA
Acclaimed singer, song-writer, actor and founder of Redwood Records

Session 2: 12:20-13:30 EDT
Chair: Jonathan Granoff (USA)
President, Global Security Institute. UN Representative for the Permanent Secretariat of Nobel Peace Summits

Speakers:
Hon Fabrizio Hochschild-Drummond
United Nations
Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the United Nations’ 75th Anniversary

Rep Carol Ammons
USA
Member Illinois State Assembly.
Member, Women Legislators’ Lobby

Ms Divina Maloum
Cameroon
Founder of Children for Peace.
Co-winner of the 2019 International Children’s Peace Prize.

Ms Elizabeth Warner
USA
Managing Director, Ploughshares Fund and the Women’s Initiative

Dr Hedy Fry MP
Canada
Special Representative on Gender Issues for the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Webinar outline
The United Nations Charter was adopted in San Francisco on June 26, 1945, with the key objective to ‘save succeeding generations from the scourge of war. 2020 is the 75th anniversary of the UN, a time when governments and civil society are assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the UN and providing input into enhancing its effectiveness.

This webinar will explore action ideas in Human security for public health, peace and sustainable development, an international appeal of women legislators, religious leaders and civil society leaders which was released on May 24, 2020. The Appeal focuses on the role of women in peace and security, the increased importance of disarmament in a world impacted by COVID-19, and UN initiatives for peace and disarmament including the global ceasefire and the UN Secretary-General’s Agenda for Disarmament.