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Executive Summary

[Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament](#) (PNND) is a cross-party network of parliamentarians from over 90 countries. We educate parliamentarians about issues and initiatives on nuclear non-proliferation, risk reduction and disarmament. PNND also informs civil society members about the roles and actions of parliamentarians in this area, and helps them to engage effectively with their parliamentarians.

PNND has a special focus on working with the United Nations and on engaging parliamentarians in UN initiatives and forums for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament. This includes promoting UN initiatives in national parliaments, commemorating key UN days such as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, holding events in inter-parliamentary forums such as the Inter Parliamentary Union and OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, and supporting parliamentarians to be on government delegations to UN meetings.

In 2014, PNND co-founded [UNFOLD ZERO](#), a global platform for promoting UN initiatives and forums for nuclear disarmament.

Report

Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (PNND) is the only international organization of parliamentarians focused on nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament and open to membership of any parliamentarian.

During 2014-2016, PNND actively implemented a number of the recommendations of the UN Study on Disarmament and Non-proliferation Education;

Recommendation 2: Preparation of user-friendly materials.

PNND co-edited a [Handbook for Parliamentarians on Supporting Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament](#). The Handbook was published by the Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) and distributed to every IPU member parliament as well as to individual parliamentarians participating in IPU and PNND events, and to civil society actors working with parliamentarians. The handbook is published in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [French](#) and [Russian](#). An Arabic version will be released soon.

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PNND worked with the World Future Council on the publication, launch and distribution of [The Climate-Nuclear Nexus](#), a publication indicating links between the existential threats of nuclear weapons and climate change, and the measures required to resolve these issues.

PNND published articles on our [website](#) and circulated [email updates](#) on key issues and initiatives to our network of parliamentarians, UN organisations and civil society. We also posted articles and links on social media and through the websites and social

Recommendation 3 and 22. Translation of materials into the UN languages. Online posting of materials in languages other than English

PNND is committed to translating and circulating key documents and our online updates in UN languages (and other major languages) when resources permit. As there is little funding for this, we make use as much as possible of volunteer support. From 2014-2016, PNND was able to produce some updates and other materials in languages other than English, i.e. in French, Arabic, Spanish, German, Japanese and Russian.

Recommendation 4. Disseminating disarmament and non-proliferation materials to all regions of the world.

PNND disseminates materials to all regions of the world through our website, email network, social media, through our [partner organisations](#) and at international events such as the United Nations General Assembly, Assemblies of the Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU), Parliamentary Assemblies of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), and PNND Assemblies.

During 2014 – 2016, we organised nuclear disarmament events at the IPU Assemblies in Geneva, Lusaka and Hanoi. The events informed and engaged parliamentarians in a range of nuclear weapons issues including cyber-warfare, nuclear tension reduction, and UN initiatives. PNND members proposed, and ensured the adoption by the IPU of, a [resolution in 2014](#) supporting the UN Secretary-General's Five-Point proposal for Nuclear Disarmament and the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. This provided the basis for PNND and IPU to engage parliaments and parliamentarians around the world in educational events for the International Days in 2014 and 2015, including special parliamentary screenings of the movie '[The Man Who Saved the World](#)' in the French Senate, Jordan Senate, New Zealand parliament, IPU Assembly and other places.

During 2014-2016, PNND organised events at the OSCE Parliamentary Assemblies in Geneva, Helsinki, Vienna and Ulaanbaatar. These events informed and engaged parliamentarians in current nuclear disarmament issues and initiatives including proposals for nuclear-weapon-free zones (Europe, Middle East and the Arctic), reducing nuclear tensions (especially in Europe) and the [UN Open Ended Working Group on Taking Forward Multilateral Nuclear Disarmament Negotiations](#) (OEWG). PNND members proposed language, which was [included in the Helsinki Declaration](#) adopted by the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, supporting the OEWG and calling for nuclear-risk reduction measures including de-alerting and the adoption of no-first-use policies.

PNND also co-sponsored [Global Wave 2015](#), a series of creative public promotion events starting in New York on April 26, and going around the world in 24 hours to arrive back at the UN for the start of the 2015 NPT Review Conference.

Recommendation 8: Including parliamentarians on delegations to UN meetings

PNND encouraged governments to include parliamentarians on their delegations to key UN meetings including the UN General Assembly (First Committee) and Non-Proliferation Treaty

conferences and the UN Open Ended Working Group. We reminded our parliamentary members of this recommendation and to contact their government if they are interested in being on such a delegation. A number of PNND members attended the 2015 NPT Review Conference and the 2015 UN General Assembly either as members of their government delegations or as members of the PNND delegations to these meetings. PNND also organised side-events at the 2015 NPT Review Conference and UN General Assembly.

Recommendation 12: Religious leaders and institutions are encouraged to develop educational material

PNND experts wrote and edited a [Resource Guide on Nuclear Disarmament for Religious Leaders and Communities](#), which was published by Religions for Peace and released at a [special event at the United Nations](#) by Laura Chinchilla, the President of Costa Rica and a PNND Council Member. The resource guide has a strong focus on United Nations forums and initiatives for nuclear disarmament including the International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion on the Illegality of Nuclear Weapons, the UN Secretary-General's Five Point Proposal for Nuclear Disarmament and the UN Open Ended Working Group on Taking Forward Multilateral Nuclear Disarmament Negotiations. The Resource Guide has also been published in [Arabic](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Japanese](#) and [Spanish](#), with special launch events organised by Religions for Peace and PNND in Vienna, Tokyo and Basel.

PNND, Mayors for Peace and Religions for Peace also prepared a global appeal of legislators and religious leaders entitled '[A Nuclear Weapon Free World: Our Common Good](#).' The appeal, which was adopted in Hiroshima on the 70th anniversary of the nuclear bombing of that city, has been used as an effective tool to inform mayors, parliamentarians and religious leaders around the world about nuclear disarmament issues and to engage them in action. It is available in [Arabic](#), [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Japanese](#), [Portuguese](#), [Russian](#) and [Spanish](#).

Recommendation 20. United Nations, relevant international organizations, Member States, and corporate and private donors are encouraged to provide assistance, including funds, educational material and equipment to NGOs in different regions of the world.

PNND has reminded members to seek funding for disarmament and non-proliferation education in national budgets. However, the economic downturn over the past few years has meant that we have not been successful in this endeavor. PNND itself suffers from insufficient funding to do education work, and is run primarily by volunteers.

Recommendation 22. Internships for educating graduate and under-graduate students

PNND provides internships for students in our Basel, Prague and New York offices with opportunities to engage in UN disarmament initiatives and UN meetings especially those being held at the UN in Geneva and New York. From 2014 -2016, PNND hosted 15 interns.