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Hon Mr Stéphane Dion MP  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr Dion,

On behalf of Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (PNND) we congratulate you on your appointment to the position of Minister of Foreign Affairs.

We are very encouraged by the aspirations expressed by Prime Minister Trudeau and yourself for Canadian foreign relations to be reset in order to play a positive role in the world, especially with regard to democracy, freedom, security and sustainability. Canada is a very important country in international affairs, has played a vital role in these issues in the past, and can do so again. We wish you all the best in these endeavours.

We have been honoured that you joined PNND a number of years ago, and we hope that you continue to place nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament as a high priority.

The risks of nuclear weapons use by accident, miscalculation or intent, and the catastrophic consequences of any such use, make it imperative for governments, parliaments and civil society to cooperate on practical measures to prevent further proliferation, reduce nuclear risks and to establish the peace and security of a nuclear-weapon-free world.

In addition, the connections between nuclear disarmament, peace, security and environmental sustainability are becoming more apparent.

PNND recently presented a *Joint Statement of Legislators and Religious Leaders for a Nuclear Weapon Free World* to Mogens Lykketoft, President of the UN General Assembly (also a PNND member), which notes that “over 16,000 nuclear weapons remain in the world’s arsenals costing \$100 billion annually – funds that could instead be used to reverse climate change, eliminate poverty and address other social and economic needs.”

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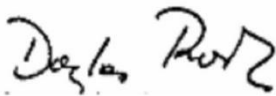
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PNND has cross-party leadership in Canada, as well as a strong international network of leading parliamentary members from across the political spectrum and around the world.

We also have strong partnerships and programs with the United Nations, civil society organisations and other parliamentary organisations including the Inter Parliamentary Union, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

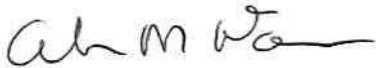
We look forward to continuing our engagement with you in order to build international cooperation for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament.

Yours sincerely



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