ABOLITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

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PROGRAM

25 - 26 April 1995

U.N. Church Center
777 U.N. Plaza, 2nd Floor
New York City

We are at a crucial point in our common quest for nuclear disarmament. There are unprecedented challenges and opportunities ahead to persuade governments to commit to negotiating a treaty banning nuclear weapons before the new millennium. Let’s meet for two days of information sharing, consultations, brainstorming, and networking to strengthen our common global commitment to abolish nuclear weapons.

Tuesday, 25 April: “Presentation of INESAP Study: Beyond the NPT”

Presentation and discussion of the findings of a distinguished study group on a draft convention for the abolition of nuclear weapons, featuring eminent scientists, engineers, lawyers, and activists.

Wednesday, 26 April: “Abolitionists’ Strategy and Networking Forum”

Prominent keynote speakers outline issues and challenges for citizens groups, with presentation of international abolition campaigns and roundtable discussion to develop future cooperation, coordination, and joint actions.


For further information call: IVO SARGES (212) 768-2080
Presentation of INESAP Study: Beyond the NPT

25 APRIL 1995

9:30  Plenary Session

- Welcome Address of the International Coalition for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament
  'Working Together for a Nuclear Weapon Free World', Colin Archer (Geneva):

- Opening and Introduction to the Work of the INESAP Study Group
  Wolfgang Liebert, Martin Kalinowski (Darmstadt)

- The Case for a Nuclear Weapon Free World
  Joseph Rotblat (London)

- Irreversibility of Nuclear Arms Reductions
  Anatoli Diakov* (Moscow)

- Regional Approaches to Ban Nuclear Weapons
  Fernando de Souza-Barros (Rio de Janeiro)

- Tie in NPT Holdouts by a Cutoff
  Zia Mian (Islamabad)

11:30  Press Conference

2:00  Workshop

(Two parallel sessions with discussion of findings of the INESAP study with comments from International Coalition representatives - 3 hours plus breaks)

- Steps Towards a Nuclear Weapon Free World
  William Epstein*, Wolfgang Liebert
  Commentator: David Kreiger, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation

- Dis-armsrace
  Liu Huaqiu, Goetz Neuneck
  Commentator: Victor Sidel, MD, IPPNW

- Nuclear Materials Cutoff
  Martin Kalinowski, Ed Lyman

- The Control of Nuclear Capable Delivery Systems
  George Lewis*, Jürgen Scheffran

- Regional Approaches to Abolish Nuclear Weapons
  Mike Casper*, Luis Masperi*, Bahig Nassar
  Commentator: Colin Archer, IPB

- Nuclear Weapons Convention
  Joseph Rotblat
  Commentator: Peter Weiss, IALANA

6:00  Reception

(*invited)
Abolitionists' Strategy and Networking Forum

26 APRIL 1995

9:30 Welcome: Dr. Gururaj (Raj) Mutalik, Director of Programs and Policy, IPPNW

9:35 Keynote Speakers
(15 minutes each followed by questions and answers)
Moderator: Prof. Victor Sidel, M.D., IPPNW Co-President

☞ Jonathan Schell, Author. The Fate of the Earth, The Abolition
☞ S. E. M. Miguel Marin Bosch, Ambassador for Mexico, Past Chair of Nuclear Test Ban Negotiations
☞ Randall Forsberg, Executive Director, Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies

11:15 Break

11:30 International Abolition Campaign
(10 minutes each followed by questions and answers)
Moderator: Cora Weiss, IPB Vice President, Peace Action International Representative

☞ Alyn Ware, International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms
☞ Gururaj Mutalik, M.D., International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War
☞ Joseph Rotblat, International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility
☞ Colin Archer, International Peace Bureau

12:30 Abolition Campaign of Network Partners
(10 minutes each followed by questions and answers)
☞ David Krieger, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation
☞ David Cortright, Fourth Freedom Forum
☞ Burt Glass, Peace Action Education Fund
☞ Other Reports

1:00 Lunch

2:30 Roundtable Discussion: Citizens Groups Networking to Abolish Nuclear Weapons
(Facilitated by International Coalition partners)

Agenda:

• Introduction of all participants
• International advocacy campaigns
• Immediate NPT issues
• Special calendar initiatives
• Media initiatives
• Networking, communications, and clearinghouse
• Building a movement - Joint actions
• Adoption of Abolition Appeal

5:30 Conclusion and Thanks: Lachlan Forrow, MD, Chairman, IPPNW Board of Directors
DRAFT APPEAL FOR ABOLITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS
Start Negotiations Now and Complete Them by the Year 2000

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The nuclear age was born on July 16, 1945 with the first test explosion of an atomic bomb in New Mexico, USA. Three weeks later, the world witnessed the terrible destructive power of the use of these weapons in Hiroshima and three days later in Nagasaki. In the ensuing fifty years, humanity has suffered from the devastating impact of nuclear weapons production and testing on health and the environment.

Many statesmen, scientists and military leaders have affirmed that nuclear weapons have no military value, and have severely undermined common security. The end of the Cold War has brought forth an unprecedented opportunity to end the nuclear era and enter the new millennium with a new commitment to global peace and security.

We, citizens of the world, are united in a common quest for a nuclear weapon free future. Each of our governments must rise above its narrow national perspective and join together to abolish nuclear weapons.

The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, signed by 172 states, calls upon all of the parties “...to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament...”

We hereby appeal to all governments of the world -- especially those in the nuclear weapon states and those possessing nuclear weapons capability -- to enter immediately into negotiations to abolish nuclear weapons. We appeal to them to pledge themselves to complete these negotiations by the year 2000, so that we can enter the new millennium with a treaty in place, committing the world to a firm time table for the permanent elimination of nuclear weapons.

(This appeal will be discussed on April 26 and sent to NPT delegations following its adoption.)