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ACRONYM INSTITUTE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021

from Dr Rebecca Eleanor Johnson, Executive Director

The Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy (AIDD) is a UK-based not-for-profit civil society organisation with United Nations consultative status through ECOSOC. With international reach based on over twenty-five years of work on ecofeminist alternatives to militarism, insecurity and inhumane weapons, AIDD provides research, ideas and practical strategies to promote and strengthen humanitarian security and disarmament agreements, environmental sustainability and gender equity to enable the full and safe engagement of women in building peace, human rights and security for all. During 2021, AIDD received core funding from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (JRCT) and a portion of the JRCT grant to UNA-Scotland for coordinating UK work on the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). AIDD's Board of Directors, personnel and institutional arrangements in 2021 remained essentially the same as reported in 2020.

AIDD's years of work on nuclear disarmament were brought forward when the TPNW entered into force on 22 January 2021. Building on this, AIDD's work this year sought to broaden understanding and engage with governments, diplomats and civil society actors to build more effective engagement across a range of security, environmental and justice issues, with emphasis on reinforcing international humanitarian law and the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). In that regard, our work in 2021 particularly related to SDG 16 on disarmament, SDG 5 on gender equality, SDG 11 on safe cities, and SDGs 13, 14 and 15, relating to climate change and supporting sustainable, healthy and biodiverse life on land, in the air and under water.

Though institutionally quite small, AIDD has continued to carry out an effective schedule of online meetings and presentations focussing on using the TPNW and other treaties to take forward security objectives to prevent nuclear war, eliminate nuclear arsenals, and limit the risks and impacts of environmental destruction and militarism. Along with nuclear abolition, AIDD work this year encompassed restricting developments, proliferation and inhumane uses of conventional explosive armaments, small arms and light weapons (SALW), and automated weapons systems aka 'killer robots'.

AIDD continued to work closely with the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), including through the participation of Rebecca Johnson, Janet Fenton and Board Member Gari Donn as members of ICAN's International Steering Group (ISG), and by coordinating ICAN partners meetings in the UK and networking with other European and international civil society. As the TPNW entered into force, AIDD raised awareness through billboards and meetings in Scotland, and various briefings and events with faith leaders, parliamentarians and mayors, scientists, youth and students, including universities and schools.

Considerable work over the year went into researching and writing AIDD's detailed analysis on the TPNW and British nuclear policy. The report, titled 'Nuclear weapons are banned: What does this mean for Britain?' was produced with support from CND, the Nuclear Information Service and Nuclear Education Trust. Its online launch took place in

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January 2022, as the Tenth Review Conference of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) was postponed due to UN concerns about Covid.

The TPNW's entry into force focussed AIDD's work on the treaty's implementation, including verification and institutional issues for the first meeting of States Parties, scheduled for a year after January 2021 (but subsequently postponed for several months). AIDD's work also centred around developments relating to the Westminster government's Integrated Review on Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy published by the Cabinet Office in March 2021, climate talks leading up to and including COP 26 (26th Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Climate Convention, held in Glasgow in November 2021), and 40th anniversary events for the Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp in September. These milestones increased media attention, public interest and meetings in Britain and with international civil society online. Despite cancellations and postponements of some diplomatic conferences due to Covid, AIDD speakers were able to coordinate work and present our information and ideas at a wide range of online events and meetings, many of which attracted bigger and more international audiences than could have participated in person. These included events with parliamentarians and peace and environmental activists in Scotland, the South-South Forum on Sustainability, Futurefest online talks with ICAN participants such as executive director Beatrice Fihn, PeaceChild event with military speakers on the TPNW and British responsibilities, SOAS seminar on Feminist Leadership in Disarmament, and various WILPF events on nuclear weapons and militarism, conscientious objectors and environmental protectors. AIDD's 2021 Annual Report provides fuller details.

To mark the 40th anniversary of the Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp, AIDD coordinated and hosted a series of webinars. These included: 'Feminist Disarmament and Treaty-Building', with Hiroshima Hibakusha Setsuko Thurlow, Ambassador Elayne Whyte-Gomez, President of the TPNW negotiations, Dr Patricia Lewis (Chatham House) and others; 'Pacific Women Say 'No' to Nuclear Colonialism', with Vanessa Griffin (from Fiji, PANG's representative on ICAN Steering Group); Chailang Palacios (Northern Marianas), Lisa Natividad (Guahan /Guam), Corazon Valdez-Fabros (Philippines) and Zohl de Ishtar (Australia); 'Feminist Peace, opposing violence, militarism and war' with Dr Hannah Safran (Women in Black Haifa), Lepa Mladenovic (WiB Belgrade), Dr Vanessa Ludwig (Cape Town) and others; 'Western Shoshone Speak Out Against Nuclear Colonialism', with Indigenous Shoshone speaker Ian Zabarte and others, talking about the impacts of the Nevada Test Site, British and American nuclear testing and nuclear waste on Newe Segobia lands and the human rights of downwinders and Western Shoshone people.

Janet Fenton has continued to work closely with AIDD Board Member Dr Gari Donn in Scotland and publish relevant articles with Reaching Critical Will and nuclearban.scot. Dr. Natalie Goldring has continued to serve in the leadership team of the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) and UN meetings on behalf of AIDD, also contributing to advocacy work, briefing papers and other materials for diplomats and civil society on implementing the Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons, and the Arms Trade Treaty. AIDD speakers contributed to various publications and a wide range of media coverage in 2021, including BBC TV and radio, ITN, Times Radio, Channel 4, Sky News and various podcasts. AIDD analyses were featured in articles published by IDN (In Depth News, the UN-based International Press Syndicate), the Guardian, OpenDemocracy, Bella Caledonia, the National, Labour Hub and Peace News, amongst other international,

local and online platforms. AIDD research was also featured in various news stories, broadcasts, publications and leaflets on nuclear, climate and human security issues. As in-person meetings are being reinstated, AIDD plans to continue to hold and encourage on-line meetings and participation for reasons of costs, climate impacts, energy resources, and public and personal health and energy. See below for listing of major meetings that AIDD participated in or organised.

Meetings and Events in 2021

This list covers meetings and events that are open to the public with AIDD staff speaking on issues that take forward AIDD areas of work. Unless otherwise specified, due to Covid safety requirements, these meetings were held by zoom or other electronic meeting systems.

AIDD is a member of ICAN's International Steering Group (ISG) and is represented there by Rebecca Johnson, Janet Fenton and Gari Donn (AIDD Board member). In addition AIDD has legal, administrative and strategic responsibilities under Swiss law, as a member of ICAN's legal HQ based in Geneva. Dr Johnson was the founding president of ICAN's Swiss establishment from 2010, and currently serves as Secretary. As legally required, this lists ISG meetings, but does not necessarily identify all the related ICAN meetings or the routine meetings staff attend with other disarmament, peace, intersectional and security issues, including meetings hosted by ICAN, CND, Scottish CND, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), the UK Campaign to Stop Killer Robots (CSKR), International Network on Explosive Weapons (INEW), Control Arms, International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA), and the Middle East Treaty Organisation (METO). These regular meetings are not generally included in this list unless our personnel played significant roles in organising or publicly speaking at events.

In early January 2021, Futurefest/Nesta posted online its December 2020 interview and podcast featuring Rebecca Johnson and Beatrice Fihn talking about the TPNW and ICAN's hopes for future <https://www.facebook.com/nesta.futurefest/photos/a.416198785240869/1596904657170270/?type=3>

10 January 2021, Rebecca Johnson spoke at PeaceChild event on 'Should the UK sign up to the TPNW'?

12 and 13 January 2021, Rebecca Johnson briefed bishops and other faith leaders about the TPNW (CCND coordinated sessions), which was followed by a meeting with Bishop Christopher Cocksworth of Coventry to discuss issues in advance of House of Lords debate on 21 January.

19 January 2021 ICAN ISG full meeting.

21 January 2021, Rebecca Johnson's interview with Ronnie Lipschultz (recorded 14 Jan) aired on KSQD (US radio) see <https://ksqd.org/no-nukes-entry-into-force-of-the-un-treaty-on-the-prohibition-of-nuclear-weapons/>.

22 January 2021, Janet Fenton coordinated a press call with Members of the Scottish Parliament, and set up a photocall at the Scottish Parliament to highlight entry into force of the TPNW.

23 January 2021, Janet Fenton spoke on the TPNW to Greater Manchester CND at their event to mark entry into force of the TPNW

4 February 2021, Janet Fenton was interviewed by the Womens Resource Centre for their podcast on ICAN.

8 February 2021, Janet Fenton and Rebecca Johnson participated in a webinar and panel discussion for SNP CND on the TPNW, together with Irish CND's David Hutchison Edgar.

16 February 2021 ICAN ISG full meeting

17 February 2021, Rebecca gave presentation on 'Feminist transformations and women's participation: power, diplomacy and activism 1980-2020' in first Webinar in SCRAP project on Feminist Leadership in Disarmament, organised by Nancy Ehrenberg, University of London School of Oriental and African Studies. <https://www.scrapweapons.com/feminist-leadership-in-disarmament/>

23 February 2021, ICAN ISG meeting on TPNW's first Meeting of States Parties (1MSP)

26 February 2021, Janet Fenton gave a presentation on the humanitarian approach at UN House Scotland, for interns working on Human Rights advocacy.

1 March 2021 Janet Fenton spoke on Women Peace and Security issues at a Marshall Islands commemorative event hosted by Glasgow CND on line.

4 March 2021 Janet Fenton gave a presentation on 'Next Steps for the TPNW' at a meeting hosted online by Dumfries CND online.

9 March 2021 ICAN ISG meeting on Anti-Racism awareness for ICAN's structures and campaigns.

11 March 2021 ICAN-UK meeting coordinated by AIDD UNHS and UNA-UK

14 March 2021, Janet Fenton was interviewed about the TPNW by Lorna Slater, Co-Convenor of the Scottish Green Party, for a podcast that was published by the Scottish Greens in conjunction with their pre-election manifesto.

16 March 2021 ICAN ISG full meeting.

17 March 2021 ICAN Europe meeting

18 March 2021 ICAN-UK emergency meeting on publication of UK government's Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy, coordinated by AIDD UNHS and UNA-UK.

22 March 2021, Janet Fenton moderated the online Scottish launch of *Banning the Bomb, Smashing the Patriarchy*, written by ICAN and WILPF partner Ray Acheson. The launch was jointly hosted by ICAN Scottish Partners.

24 March 2021, Rebecca Johnson presented on 'The TPNW and the campaign behind it' to Pugwash Youth and Student Group Webinar titled 'The Nuclear Ban Treaty (TPNW): Successes, value and omissions', along with Ekaterina Labanovich and Virginia Marie Kerr, <https://britishpugwash.org/pugwash-peace-workshops-syp-uk-march-2021/>

25 March 2021, Janet Fenton gave a presentation on the ICAN billboards and projections as 'Arts as Social Practice: visioning a nuclear free world', using a Pecha Kucha storytelling format whereby a presenter shows 20 slides with 20 seconds of commentary on each. This was sponsored by the University of the Highlands and Islands.

26 March 2021, Rebecca Johnson presented on 'UK nuclear policies, TPNW and What Cities Can Do', in the Spring Webinar of the UK & Ireland Mayors, Provosts and Leaders for Peace Chapter, https://www.nuclearpolicy.info/wp/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Reb_Johnson_TPNW_slides_for_M4P.pdf

26 March 2021, Rebecca Johnson spoke about UK nuclear weapons and the Integrated Review, along with Dr Nick Ritchie and former Canadian Ambassador Paul Meyer, hosted by Metta Spencer, To Save the World Project, <https://tosavetheworld.ca/214-uks-nuclear-arsenal/>

31 March 2021, Janet Fenton was a panellist at UN House Scotland's Round Table on 'A Humanitarian approach to Human Rights', <https://www.unhscotland.org.uk/post/unhs-event-report-an-humanitarian-approach-to-human-rights>

During the runup to the Scottish General Election, Janet Fenton spoke at many hustings and meetings (online and throughout Scotland). Many of these focussed on the TPNW and engaged candidates from all parties to understand the Treaty and commit to its implementation through ICAN's Parliamentary Pledge.

14 April 2021, Janet Fenton coordinated the Big Sisters Blether webinar to discuss links between structural and domestic violence, bringing together anonymised speakers from the Defence Services, Women's Aid, Shakti and others, with Rona McKay MSP, Convenor of the Scottish Parliament Cross-Party Group (CPG) on Men's Violence Against Women.

15 April 2021, Janet Fenton brought together a range of peace, ecological and nuclear disarmament groups to discuss and develop shared strategies for COP 26, including a convergence space for interconnected activities.

20 April 2021 ICAN ISG full meeting.

20 April 2021, Janet Fenton was interviewed by Declassified on the Scottish political challenges and possibilities.

21 April 2021 ICAN Europe meeting

27 April 2021 ICAN ISG on 1MSP

11 May 2021 ISG meeting on strengthening ISG and ICAN diversity

15 May 2021 Rebecca Johnson spoke at a Conscientious Objectors Day event organised by Brighton WILPF, recorded and shared on a Peace Pledge Union webinar

<https://www.ppu.org.uk/international-conscientious-objectors-day-may-15th>

18 May 2021 ICAN ISG full meeting.

19 May 2021 ICAN Europe meeting.

20 May 2021 ICAN Scottish Partners Roundtable, co-convened by Janet Fenton with participation from AIDD

10 June 2021 XR Peace Council planning meeting for COP26.

12 June 2021, Janet Fenton led a discussion on the TPNW at the Radical Independence Campaign's conference on Sex, Gender and Nuclear Weapons.

15 June 2021 ICAN ISG full meeting.

15 June 2021 ICAN Europe meeting, followed by ICAN in UK coordinators meeting of AIDD, UNHS and UNA-UK

21 June 2021, Janet Fenton was reelected Secretary of the Scottish Parliament CPG on Nuclear Disarmament with responsibilities for convening meetings on its mandate, to which were added 'To act as a forum for the challenges and opportunities in Scotland arising from the TPNW'.

24 June 2021 ICAN Partners in UK meeting coordinated by AIDD, UNA-UK and UN House Scotland.

25 June 2021, 8th South-South Forum on Sustainability (SSFS8) Webinar Panel on Fukushima: 10 years after, Rebecca Johnson presents perspectives on the international impacts of the Fukushima nuclear catastrophe that followed the 11 March 2011 earthquake and tsunami, looking at three key aspects: nuclear construction and investments; public fears and energy preferences; and civil and military interdependencies in nuclear policies. <https://youtu.be/NjVHkALHb1s>

7 July 2021, Janet Fenton participated in civil society TPNW adoption commemoration visit to Faslane submarine base, and gave copies of the TPNW text to the Naval Base Commander.

12 July 2021, online conference *Nuclear Weapons? No thanks!* organised by UNA-UK and commemorating 60 years of Christian CND, Rebecca Johnson gave a powerpoint briefing on 'The

Future of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), UK Nuclear Policy, Integrated Review 2021, and what we need to do'.

20 July 2021 ICAN ISG full meeting.

21 July 2021 ICAN Europe meeting.

6 August 2021 Rebecca Johnson spoke during the commemoration of Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings at Aldermaston Wharf.

12 August 2021 Greenham 40th planning webinar coordinated by REJ.

16 August 2021 Stop Killer Robots meeting

18 August 2021 ICAN_UK coordinators meeting of AIDD, UNHS and UNA-UK prior to meeting with Hannah Brock Womack of JRCT.

24 August 2021 ICAN ISG full meeting.

25 August 2021 Rebecca Johnson spoke about Greenham and ICAN at XR events in London (Piccadilly and Oxford Circus)

27 August 2021, In conjunction with Greenham 40th anniversary events, AIDD convened several online seminars. The first was on 'Feminist Disarmament and Treaty-Building', with: Setsuko Thurlow (Hiroshima Hibakusha and ICAN 'ambassador', who visited Greenham in the 1980s; Ambassador Elayne Whyte-Gomez, President of the TPNW negotiations; Dr Patricia Lewis (Chatham House), Dr Kathleen Sullivan (peace educator, NY/UN), Dimity Hawkins, Australian feminist-disarmament activist and co-founder of ICAN.

28 August 2021, Greenham 40th Seminar hosted by AIDD titled 'Pacific Women Say 'No' to Nuclear Colonialism', facilitated by Zohi de Ishtar with speakers from the Pacific, including Vanessa Griffin from Fiji (PANG's representative on ICAN Steering Group); Chailang Palacios (Northern Marianas) who spoke at Greenham in the 1980s; Lisa Natividad (Guahan /Guam), Chamoru peace activist, also part of Women Cross DMZ; Corazon Valdez-Fabros (Philippines), Pacific Concerns Resource Centre and fmr IPB co-president.

31 August 2021, Greenham 40th Seminar convened by AIDD and facilitated by Rebecca Johnson on 'Feminist Peace, opposing violence, militarism and war' with: Dr Hannah Safran, human rights activist and feminist academic, from Women in Black (WiB) in Haifa, Israel; Lepa Mladenovic LGBT feminist, writer and anti-war activist from WiB Belgrade; Vanessa Ludwig, Anti-Apartheid activist and writer from WiB Cape Town; Liz Khan and Sian Jones, co-founder of Women's Aid to Former Yugoslavia (WATFY), from WiB London, who co-founded Women's Aid to Former Yugoslavia (WATFY).

4-6 September 2021, Rebecca Johnson attended Greenham 40th anniversary events and spoke in meetings and to media about the connections between Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp in the 1980s, the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), and UK nuclear policies, warhead transport risks, dangers and nuclear disarmament challenges.

11 September 2021, Rebecca Johnson contributed to online CND Cymru event connecting 40th anniversaries of Greenham and CND Cymru.

21 September 2021 ICAN ISG full meeting.

21 September 2021, Janet Fenton and Rebecca Johnson coordinated International Peace Day events with the Scottish Parliament's Nuclear Disarmament CPG. Together with Beatrice Fihn and Daniel Hogsta from ICAN HQ they briefed MSPs on the TPNW and plans for the first meeting of states parties.

22 September 2021, Rebecca Johnson contributed to roundtable strategising for a WMD-free zone in the Middle East.

26 September 2021, Rebecca Johnson contributed to online Peace History conference organised by Manchester CND.

27 September 2021, Greenham 40th Seminar convened by AIDD and facilitated by Juley Howard on 'Western Shoshone Speak Out Against Nuclear Colonialism', with Western Shoshone speaker Ian Zabarte talking about the impacts of the Nevada Test Site, nuclear testing and nuclear waste on the Newe Segobia lands and human rights of Indigenous Shoshone people, with additional comments from Jane Gregory, Lorna Richardson and Rebecca Johnson about Greenham/Greenpeace actions in the 1990s to raise public awareness on the need to halt UK nuclear testing and implement the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) and TPNW, including what more needs to be done to assist nuclear-affected communities and restore and remediate affected environments.

29 September 2021, Rebecca Johnson and Janet Fenton participated in ISG special session on racist narratives and practices relating to nuclear weapons.

4 October 2021, Janet Fenton spoke at Aberdeen CND meeting about the TPNW and importance of the Treaty and its 1MSP for nuclear disarmament campaigning in Scotland.

8-14 October 2021, Rebecca Johnson spoke at numerous events and to BBC, ITN, Reuters and various other media outlets about the 'Mothers of the Revolution' film on Greenham released by Universal Studios, making nuclear disarmament and activist connections between the 1980s and present, using these events to raise awareness about the TPNW and the many roles contributed by women and girls in disarmament and climate activism.

7 October 2021 ICAN-UK partners meeting coordinated by AIDD, UNA-UK and UN House Scotland.

16 October 2021, Rebecca Johnson spoke on 'Women and environmental activism' at FiLiA Conference, Portsmouth.

19 October 2021 ICAN ISG

24 October 2021, Rebecca Johnson spoke on CND online panel about the TPNW, with CND General Secretary Kate Hudson, Alan Owen (LABRATS), Vanessa Griffin (ICAN ISG and PANG).

2-8 November 2021, Janet Fenton and Rebecca Johnson attended COP26 in Glasgow, and spoke at various events about military-environmental connections, activism and ideas for increasing national and international connections to more effectively bring about disarmament and climate justice, including: launch of WILPF's exhibition on Climate Change at Pierce Institute; awareness-raising activities regarding BAE Systems, and speaking at a Radical Press Conference for independent media, along with Scottish CND and Code Pink; and organising and speaking at the film preview of A Guided Tour of the Unacceptable (TOTU).

16 November ICAN ISG full meeting.

16 November Don't Bank on the Bomb meeting.

17 November ICAN Europe Meeting.

23 November ICAN ISG strategy meeting on NPT and first meeting of States Parties to the TPNW (1MSP).

25 November Rebecca Johnson spoke at South London Sacred Heart school on nuclear disarmament, Greenham and the TPNW.

21 December ICAN ISG full meeting.

Publications and media in 2021

Rebecca Johnson, 'Nuclear Weapons are Banned! What does this mean for the UK?' 4 page briefing for parliamentarians and MPs, posted out and linked on the websites of CND, NIS and UNA-UK.

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Rebecca Johnson, 'How nuclear weapons were banned', *Rethinking Security*, <https://rethinkingsecurity.org.uk/2021/01/22/how-nuclear-weapons-were-banned/>

Rebecca Johnson interviewed by Sean Howard, 'After the Ban: 6 Questions for ICAN's Rebecca Johnson', Cape Breton Spectator (Canada), 3 February 2021, <https://capebretonspectator.com/2021/02/03/ban-treaty-rebecca-johnson-ican/> Rebecca Johnson interviewed about the UK government's Integrated Review, *Times Radio*, 16 March 2021.

Rebecca Johnson quoted in Thalif Deen, Worlds nuclear arms on high operational alert and ready to strike, IDN InDepthNews 15 June 2021 <http://www.ipsnews.net/2021/06/worlds-nuclear-arms-high-operational-alert-ready-strike/> reproduced in various publications around the world, notably South Asia (Daily News).

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https://www.indepthnews.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=4757:a-us-uk-submarine-deal-triggers-nuclear-fears-down-under&catid=108

Rebecca Johnson interviewed by BBC, ITN, Channel 4, Reuters, local and national news and documentary makers re Greenham, disarmament and current challenges, over 4-8 September 2021.

Rebecca Johnson, Weaving webs from Greenham to feminist climate activists, Labour Hub, 14 September 2021. <https://labourhub.org.uk/2021/09/14/weaving-webs-from-greenham-to-feminist-climate-activists/>

Sean Howard, After the ban, 6 questions for ICAN's Rebecca Johnson, Cape Breton Spectator (Canada) 3 February 2021, <https://capebretonspectator.com/2021/02/03/ban-treaty-rebecca-johnson-ican/>

Institutional Establishment, Staff and Board

The Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy is a non-profit company 'limited by guarantee', which was established as a security and disarmament research organisation in England and Wales in 1996, No. 3149465.

In accordance with the mission statement and objectives in our Memorandum and Articles of Association, Acronym conducts research and analysis and through meetings, publications and outreach facilitates the fuller participation of civil society and nations in developing and implementing effective measures to eliminate nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction, demilitarise relations between states, promote human security and sustain a healthy environment.

Acronym is constituted to:

- conduct research and obtain, analyse and disseminate ideas and information on peace and human security, disarmament, arms control, non-proliferation, environmental sustainability, women's security, rights and democratic participation, gender equality and international law and human rights, including international humanitarian law;
- educate or assist in the education of the public and elected representatives on all relevant aspects relating to debates, policies and negotiations on human, national and international peace and security, including the effects of weapons, security doctrines and disarmament;
- organise meetings and observe or participate in discussions, negotiations, verification and promotion of talks, solutions, negotiations, developments and implementation of agreements, resolutions and treaties in these fields; and
- distribute reports, proceedings, ideas, information and education materials, and to facilitate and assist the distribution of ideas and material collated by other researchers, scientists and activists, whether governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental, in all relevant aspects relating to human, national and international peace and security issues, as described above.

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Signed and dated on behalf of the Board by Dr Gari Donn

