

# Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy (AIDD)

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## ACRONYM INSTITUTE FOR DISARMAMENT DIPLOMACY ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022

prepared for AIDD's Board by Dr Rebecca Eleanor Johnson, Executive Director

### 1) Summary

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 security approaches and alternatives to militarism, nuclear and inhumane weapons, AIDD provides research, ideas and practical strategies to promote and strengthen humanitarian security and disarmament agreements, climate protection, environmental sustainability and inclusive approaches to enable the full engagement of women in building peace, human rights and security for all. AIDD's Board of Directors, personnel, and institutional arrangements in 2022 remained essentially the same as in 2021.

During 2022, AIDD's core funding was from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (JRCT), including a portion of the JRCT collaborative grant with UN House Scotland and UNA-UK for coordinating British-based outreach and education on the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). Additional funding from the Nuclear Education Trust (NET) contributed to the production, printing and dissemination of our major report *Nuclear Weapons are Banned: What does this mean for Britain?* These grants were restricted to charitable, humanitarian and educational purposes, as can be seen from the detail provided in AIDD's 2022 Annual Report.

AIDD's main work in 2022 was meetings, research and analysis on building peace and security, promoting nuclear disarmament and implementing existing treaties. Much of our work focusses on the nexus between militarist objectives, the production and use of various weapons, and climate destruction, recognising also how gender based violence specifically and disproportionately affects women and girls.

Inevitably AIDD's work has been dominated by the invasion of Ukraine by Russia in February 2022. Tens of thousands have been killed so far in the war, in which President Putin has issued nuclear threats and violated International Humanitarian Law and authorised or condoned attacks on cities, sexual violence and torture of civilians and prisoners of war, and the forcible removal of Ukrainian children to Russia. Our work has focussed mainly on preventing nuclear weapons being used, given the dangers posed by over 12,000 nuclear weapons possessed by Russia and NATO, and the potential for the smaller nuclear-armed states China, India, Pakistan and North Korea to get involved. While not ignoring the deeper causes of this brutal war and post-Soviet legacies of violent nationalism in Russia and Ukraine, AIDD's funded work in this area focusses mainly on implementing and strengthening international humanitarian laws and disarmament agreements.

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AIDD raised awareness through our materials and participation in meetings, webinars and media, with emphasis on the humanitarian and proliferation dangers inherent in beliefs and practices of 'nuclear deterrence', the risks of crisis escalation and nuclear war through military-political miscalculations and mistakes, and the nuclear dangers inherent in deploying, threatening or using any nuclear weapons, whether or not such weapons are designated 'small' or 'tactical'. We have raised concerns with governments and parliamentarians about the dangers of widespread nuclear contamination caused by nuclear power operations, military attacks or destabilising military or unmanageable environmental conditions involving nuclear facilities. As well as continuing to highlight the catastrophic impacts of nuclear explosions, war, radioactive contamination and nuclear winter, AIDD takes forward TPNW obligations and works with indigenous and local people harmed by nuclear-related activities such as mining, production, testing, deployments and waste.

AIDD's continuing strategic and governance responsibilities with the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) intensified in 2022, AIDD Executive Director Rebecca Johnson and Scottish Outreach and TPNW coordinator Janet Fenton (who plays important roles in various civil society networks as well as AIDD) engaged closely with UN House Scotland (UNHS, directed by AIDD Board member Gari Donn) and London-based UNA-UK to coordinate UK-based partners and TPNW-related networking in Scotland, the rest of the UK, and across wider European and international civil society and parliamentarians. From August 2022, AIDD was chosen to chair ICAN's International Steering Group (ISG) with Dr Johnson and Dr Donn taking on time-consuming formal roles during the ensuing year.

In August 2022 AIDD received a much-needed three year core grant from JRCT to support our ongoing work on nuclear weapons and encouraging UK and other governments to implement nuclear safety, humanitarian and disarmament agreements, including the TPNW, the NPT, and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). As well as encouraging more work on the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals on disarmament (SDG 16) this grant supports further work on UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) on Women Peace and Security (WPS) and SDG 5 on gender equality, along with SDG 11 (safe cities) and SDGs 13, 14 and 15, relating to climate change and initiatives for sustainable, healthy and biodiverse life on earth.

With this follow-on grant, AIDD's Board Member Marie-Claire Faray has taken forward her WPS initiatives with COMMON CAUSE UK, who founded the DRC Centre for Women Peace and Security in 2021. With her leadership, this collaborative project is going forward with civil society and diplomatic initiatives opposing gender-related violence and 'small arms and light weapons' (SALW). The project aims to develop more effective legal and diplomatic measures to support women and girls in DR Congo, where the lives, rights and safety of women and girls have been undermined by gangs that use violence to control networks that traffic in various kinds of SALW, as well as mining, rare minerals and people, particularly women and children. In the first four months of this new WPS project the DRC Centre has trained several Congolese women to conduct field research, data collection and interviews with women and girls who are affected by conflict-related violence in the DRC.

The three-year grant also enables AIDD to take forward our work to promote alternatives for real security by challenging nuclear-military-industrial drivers of climate destruction and armed violence, tackling all uses of explosive weapons, and engaging with affected communities and women to bring about just and sustainable security outcomes. In

conjunction with this, it enables AIDD to continue our work with meeting, researching, writing and publishing analyses on humanitarian security, disarmament and climate action.

The sections below give more details, including listings of media and major meetings in which AIDD organised, spoke and significantly contributed. Notably, AIDD's work generated coverage in the *BBC*, Channel 4, Al Jazeera, Sky News, Top Congo Radio and TV in DRC, *Associated Press*, *IDN* (InDepthNews/Interpress UN-related media), and articles published by *OpenDemocracy*, *Rethinking Security*, *Bella Caledonia*, *the National*, and disseminated through various podcasts and webinars.

## **2) Nuclear disarmament and implementing existing treaties**

In January 2022, on the first anniversary of the TPNW's entry into force, AIDD published Dr. Johnson's substantive 175 page analysis on the TPNW, CTBT, NPT, fissile materials and related international, NATO and British security and disarmament challenges, titled *Nuclear Weapons are Banned: What does this mean for Britain?* This report was produced with research and editorial support from the Nuclear Information Service (NIS), CND, AIDD's former Board Member Tim Caughley (retired NZ ambassador and UN director in Geneva) and other scholars and practitioners.

Having played a major role coordinating the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) from 2009 onwards (following ICAN's launch in 2007 as a project of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War in Australia), AIDD has continued to serve in strategic and governance capacities for ICAN. In conjunction with these networks as well as our AIDD roles, Gari Donn, Rebecca Johnson and Janet Fenton engaged with young scholars and climate activists to develop their understanding and skills to work in this field and make connections related to preventing nuclear dangers and climate destruction. Janet, who also serves as Secretary of the Scottish Parliament's Cross Party Group (CPG) on Nuclear Disarmament, has played significant roles in disseminating AIDD's TPNW research and publications to Scottish parliamentarians, community groups and international civil society.

In August, ICAN's International Steering Group (ISG) chose AIDD to serve as ISG chair until August 2023. In fulfilling these governance and coordination responsibilities, Rebecca Johnson, Gari Donn and Janet Fenton shared the workload, which included the international recruitment and hiring (in August 2023) of a new ICAN executive director to take international TPNW campaigning forward for the next challenging years.

In the run-up to the first meeting of TPNW States Parties (1MSP), AIDD hosted or spoke at a number of meetings relating the 'Nuclear Weapons are Banned' report and the proliferation-driving policies of Russia, NATO and other nuclear-armed governments, including the UK, which are currently opposing the TPNW. In advance of the first meeting of states parties, AIDD submitted a working paper taking forward this report, titled 'Ways to strengthen international security and pursue nuclear disarmament using the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons', published by the United Nations as TPNW/MSP/2022/NGO/33.

Following the TPNW meeting in June, Covid and other problems meant that AIDD was only able to participate in the last week of the NPT review conference in August. Nonetheless our briefings and work on the NPT and TPNW generated substantive media and presentations in fora such as the Asser Institute, Chatham House, Pugwash and the Normandy Peace Initiative's P4 consultations among experts and diplomats from Britain,

China, France and the United States, among others. AIDD also contributed to activist meetings, with emphasis on resisting new deployments of nuclear weapons at Lakenheath, war, climate destruction and global insecurity.

### **3) AIDD work in Scotland**

Janet Fenton has continued to work closely with AIDD Board Member Dr Gari Donn on TPNW-related outreach with parliamentarians, organisations, youth and students in Scotland. Janet Fenton played a key role in drafting and taking forward Bill Kidd MSP's Motion S6M-02639 in the Scottish Parliament: on the NPT and TPNW. The debate in the Scottish Parliament went forward without a vote, noting the calls from civil society groups for the UK Government to uphold its commitments to Article VI of the NPT and to engage constructively with the TPNW, including 1MSP in Vienna.

In February, Janet Fenton organised and moderated a special meeting of the Cross Party Group on Nuclear Disarmament to discuss the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and enabled input from a key grassroots feminist expert working with women's groups in Ukraine to brief MSPs on the unfolding crisis. During the year Janet updated her UK chapter for Reaching Critical Will's briefing book for the NPT, and participated in Scottish Government Approach to a Feminist Foreign Policy consultation, as well as writing the narratives for the film 'A Guided Tour of the Unacceptable'. In working through AIDD's global reach while also developing the 'Secure Scotland' network, it has been possible to do broader outreach to increase understanding of Scotland's unique context and challenges along with AIDD's work connecting global security, disarmament, climate action, and women, peace and security research and analyses.

### **4) Promoting women, peace and security – AIDD's project researching impacts of war-related violence in D.R. Congo**

In August 2022, AIDD received JRCT funding to take forward our long-standing support for women working for peace, justice and security with a new project of research and policy input, led by Marie-Claire Faray and COMMON CAUSE UK, who founded the DRC Centre for Women Peace and Security in 2021 and are establishing training as well as field work in Kinshasa and Eastern Congo.

In the first four months of this AIDD support project from August 2022, the DRC Centre WPS has been able to recruit local volunteers to further promote as well as contextualise the Women Peace and Security agenda, and to train them to conduct field research, data collection and interviews with women and girls who are affected by conflict-related violence in the DRC. Several trainings and workshops were provided to Congolese women and men, in Kinshasa, during the 16 Days of activism to address Violence Against Women.

Promotion and contextualisation of the Women Peace and Security Agenda was made through Popular Radio and TV program, in the DR Congo and online through Congolese Diaspora TV Channel (French, Lingala and Swahili)

In conjunction with the field research, the DRC Centre for WPS functions as a community centre and resource, providing various services as well as activities to build the intellectual, practical and economic capabilities of women and girls whilst also undertaking research and analysis into conditions on the ground and generating policy options for decision makers, diplomats and civil society to take forward WPS Prevention and Recovery objectives.

In addition, the DRC WPS Centre has been developing a Special Crisis Unit, with a holistic approach that provides a listening service and space for women or girls affected by psychological, physical or sexual violence. In this regard, the DRC WPS Centre collaborates with local churches and NGOs, and can offer referral to the relevant services and institutions such as the Legal Unit or the Sexual Violence Management Unit of the National Police or, alternatively, specialised services offered by NGOs in Kinshasa.

Examples of the capacity-building training and projects that the DRC WPS Centre has provided to Congolese women and girls in 2022 include:

- Information and training to end violence against women and girls (VAWG);
- A library of resources;
- Research and analysis, including through consultancies;
- Translation and interpretation of questionnaires and materials into relevant languages, including French, English, Swahili and Lingala;
- Entrepreneurship (e.g. sewing workshops, horticulture, agriculture);
- Arts and crafts, including sewing and basketry;
- Environment and Healthcare, including wellbeing, hygiene, nutrition, cooking, sport.

It is hoped that as this DRC WPS project develops, we will contribute to further unwrapping and understanding the specific as well as general impacts of armed conflict and the proliferation of SALW on the human rights, safety and security of women and girls in DRC and other war-impacted regions.

## **5) MEETINGS, EVENTS AND MEDIA IN 2022**

*This section on meetings and events covers non-routine meetings, roundtables and events, notably with AIDD chairing or speaking on issues that take forward AIDD areas of work. Unless in-person venues are specified, these meetings were convened on zoom or other electronic meeting systems. In general this list does not include routine meetings or events that were just attended by AIDD personnel as part of our wider disarmament, peace, intersectional feminist and security issues but not in a main organising or speaking capacity. For that reason, though AIDD personnel frequently attend events hosted by CND, Scottish CND, Secure Scotland, Million Women Rise, Women in Black, Greenham and XR-related networks, 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), ordinary meetings of such organisations are not listed here unless AIDD played significant roles in organising or speaking.*

*From August 2022 AIDD was elected administrative chair for ICAN's International Steering Group (ISG). As a member of ICAN's ISG, AIDD has legal, administrative and strategic responsibilities under Swiss law. In addition, having originally established ICAN's main Geneva-based legal entity in 2010 and served as ICAN's first president until 2014, Dr Johnson now serves as ICAN's Secretary. Chairing ICAN's ISG greatly increased AIDD's workload, especially for Rebecca Johnson, AIDD Board member Gari Donn, while Janet Fenton focussed on supporting TPNW-supporting organisations and parliamentarians in Scotland. The most significant of the additional ICAN-related meetings are covered below but we have not listed all.*

*In the period August-December 2022, Marie-Claire Faray furthered the partnership of the DRC WPS Centre with the STEM women's networks in the DRC as well as the coordination of*

*Women in Research and Development (WR&D) of the University of Kinshasa. She is also working to increase collaboration with the Women's Commission of the Federation of Congolese Enterprise, and the Consultant Women Clinic at Kinshasa's Ndjili General Hospital, which serves the large areas of Ndjili, Masina, Kimbanseke, Matete, Nsele and Maluku.*

### **5.1) Meetings with significant AIDD involvement**

20 January 2022, Scottish Parliament: Janet Fenton played a key role in drafting and taking forward Bill Kidd MSP's Motion S6M-02639 on the NPT and TPNW.

21 January 2022, Launch meeting for Rebecca Johnson's book 'Nuclear Weapons are Banned: What Does This Mean for Britain', hosted by CND General Secretary Kate Hudson, with UK Ambassador Aidan Liddle and Guardian journalist Julian Borger as well as Dr Johnson as speakers.

24 January 2022, Launch meeting Q & A for Rebecca Johnson's book 'Nuclear Weapons are Banned' in Scotland, hosted by Scottish CND.

3 February 2022, AIDD contributed to online strategy meeting on TPNW Articles 6 and 7.

3 February 2022, Workshop on impacts of nuclear testing on Western Shoshone human rights and health.

8 February 2022, ICAN in UK meeting, coordinated by AIDD

19 February 2022, Rebecca Johnson was online speaker about nuclear testing impacts of British nuclear testing on Pacific, Aboriginal and Western Shoshone communities at LABRATS' Manchester Conference.

21 February 2022, Janet Fenton organised Scottish Parliament meeting on the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

25 February 2022, ICAN special ISG meeting on Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

10 March 2022, Rebecca Johnson speaker at CND Webinar, together with Stuart Parkinson (Scientists for Global Responsibility) on 'What would a nuclear war be like?'

10 March 2022, Rebecca Johnson in-person speaker at media-recorded London and online meeting on 'Does the UK have enough nukes?' hosted by Tortoise Media, chaired by Giles Whittell, with other speakers Dr Andrew Corbett (former Trident captain) and Dr Hassan ElBahtimy (CSSS).

21 March 2022, Lakenheath, Rebecca Johnson in-person speaker at CND event protesting upgrading of Lakenheath base with facilities to host upgraded US B61-12 air-launched nuclear bombs.

5 April 2022, ICAN Scottish Partners Roundtable coordinated by Janet Fenton.

13 April 2022, AIDD-ICAN meeting to discuss TPNW 1MSP and ICAN's conference for parliamentarians with Scottish MSP signers to the ICAN parliamentary pledge.

27 April 2022, ICAN partners in the UK meeting on organising for TPNW 1MSP, coordinated by AIDD with UN House Scotland.

4 May 2022,

17-24 June 2022, Rebecca Johnson attended First Meeting of TPNW States Parties in Vienna, including additional International Peace Bureau, WILPF, Vienna Centre for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP) and ICAN Treaty-related meetings, some of which included Rebecca Johnson as a speaker (see also AIDD working paper, titled

3 July 2022, In Depth News (IDN) online interview on TPNW 2MSP with Rebecca Johnson by Asagiri, written excerpts of which were also published in Japanese and English.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zukzaq2MUYY>

26-29 July 2022, AIDD meetings in Edinburgh for Rebecca Johnson, Gari Donn and Janet Fenton to address ICAN ISG issues, including Faslane-Coulport recce for possible ICAN strategy retreat.

3 August 2022, Rebecca Johnson spoke in CND's NPT RevCon webinar 'UK nuclear policies mean proliferation not disarmament', together with UK ambassador Aidan Liddle and Baroness Jones of Moultescombe, chaired by Kate Hudson.

6 August 2022, Rebecca Johnson spoke at Hiroshima commemoration ceremonies in Brighton.

9 August 2022, Rebecca Johnson spoke at Nagasaki commemoration ceremonies held for the first time in Worthing.

16 August 2022, first full meeting of ICAN's International Steering Group meeting convened and chaired by AIDD.

20-28 August 2022, Rebecca Johnson attends last week of the Tenth NPT Review Conference at UN, New York, including various meetings with UN and NPT officials and diplomats from different countries (see also media below).

29-30 August 2022, Rebecca Johnson attends the online meeting of the International Panel on Fissile Materials (IPFM, of which she is a long-standing member) and speaks about UK nuclear developments and ways to use the TPNW to take forward the prohibition of fissile materials production.

5 September 2022, Marie-Claire Faray hosted a discussion with Pastor Colin Nzolantima, for the Popular Top Congo Radio/TV in DRC, on Christian perspectives on '*Se Lever et Combattre la mort*' (Rising Against Death) and 'How war and violence have dehumanised the D.R.Congo'. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LzZctOGxb9w&t=616s>

12 September 2022, Marie-Claire Faray spoke in a discussion with Pastor Colin Nzolantima for Top Congo Radio /TV in DRC, on 'War and Famine - Women Peace and Security'.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LzZctOGxb9w&t=616s>

13 September 2022, Rebecca Johnson participates in online Chatham House roundtable following the NPT Review Conference on 'Nuclear proliferation in a fragmenting world'.

18 September 2022, Marie-Claire Faray led the DRC Centre Women Peace and Security in organising a music programme hosted by 5 Congolese women to raise the voices of female farmers and Rural Congolese women on issues of Peace, Food Sovereignty and Human security, through the popular radio Top Congo, and musical programme Kev Kiese TV MINDULE YA BAKULUTU <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QL-8HhghDdE>

20 September 2022, ICAN's International Steering Group meeting convened and chaired by AIDD.

22 September 2022, Marie-Claire Faray spoke in a discussion with Pastor Colin Nzolantima for Top Congo Radio /TV in DRC, on War and Violence: The Obstacles to Rural Development. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Tn6rpYhN4k>

21-23 September 2022, Caen, France, Rebecca Johnson spoke in the P4 roundtable organised by the Normandy Initiative on Global Security and Catastrophic Risk and participated in the Normandy World Peace Forum.

24 September 2022, Rebecca Johnson spoke at Q & A at the Paris première of the Arte film 'Des femmes en face aux missiles' (Women Against the Bomb, directed by Sonia Gonzalez, produced by Anne Labro).

26-28 September 2022, Rebecca Johnson lectured students and spoke on the NPT-TPNW connections in a public meeting of the Asser Institute, The Hague, together with Amb. Elayne Whyte Gomez, former president of the 2017 UN negotiations that concluded the TPNW.

29 September 2022, online Pugwash SYP webinar on 'Nuclear arms control, disarmament, and the future of the NPT', with speakers Rebecca Johnson and UK Ambassador Aidan Liddle.

30 September 2022, Marie-Claire Faray led the DRC Centre Women Peace and Security and chaired a book launch by Congolese Senator, Didier Mumengi, and history session with several Congolese authors and distinguished guests at the PanAfrican Centre Andree Blouin in Kinshasa, Hall of Patrice Emery Lumumba Conferences in Kinshasa, DR Congo.  
<https://www.facebook.com/CCAndreeBlouin/videos/2797501573727874>

6 October 2022, Bath, Rebecca Johnson presented on 'Two Routes to Extinction: War and Climate Change' for a joint workshop of peace and environmental activists.

23 October 2022, Cardiff FiLiA Conference, Rebecca Johnson initiated and facilitated the discussion on 'Solidarity with Women in War Zones' with in-person speakers Marie-Lyse Numuhoza and Lepa Mladenovic, with recorded testimonies from Zuhra Bahman (Afghanistan) and Nina Potarska (Ukraine), who were unable to attend in person. In addition AIDD hosted the ARTE film Women Against the Bomb and a Q & A with its director Sonia Gonzalez and producer Anne Labro.

30 October 2022, Marie-Claire Faray led the DRC Centre for Women Peace and Security through COMMON CAUSE UK, in writing and publishing a statement made by Congolese women denouncing international crimes committed in DR Congo, and the wars that are dehumanising local populations. <https://rapecrisis.org.uk/news/common-cause-rdc-and-common-cause-uk-call-for-action-against-international-crimes-committed-in-the-drcongo/>  
<https://rcew.fra1.cdn.digitaloceanspaces.com/media/documents/Congolese Women-Statement- COMMON CAUSE UK - 31 October 2022 - Copy.pdf>

31 October 2022, Marie-Claire Faray and other Congolese women spoke on a French podcast on 'Women's Power for Peace and Security', marking the 22<sup>nd</sup> Year anniversary of the UN Security's adoption of UNSC Resolution 1325.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=6AsPhb0UQA8&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR0SWrKrEN7D7pY3Qp8yA Ae SUW3nShryxqxq8zRfN5kBQ3muEbv20vojc>

1 November 2022, ICAN's International Steering Group meeting convened and chaired by AIDD.

2 November 2022, CND webinar on '[What are 'tactical' nuclear weapons? And will they lead to Armageddon?](#)' with Prof. Paul Rogers, Dr. Rebecca Johnson, Dr. Kate Hudson and Kate Hudson.

9 November 2022, Rebecca Johnson gave online powerpoint presentation for Norwich CND meeting on NATO nuclear weapons deployments in Europe, implications for USAF/RAF Lakenheath.

13 November 2022, Rebecca Johnson speaks at Peace Pledge Union commemoration of Conscientious Objectors, Tavistock Square, London.



25 November 2022, Whitehall, London, Together with Women from Diaspora Congolese, Rwandan and the African Great Lakes Region of COMMON CAUSE UK, AIDD helped to coordinate a vigil and the handing in of COMMON CAUSE UK letters to the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary. The event marked International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the start of the 16 days of activism to end Violence Against Women, attended by Million Women Rise, Women in Black, WILPF and Bradford Rape Crisis.  
<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=8727069613977255&set=pcb.8706296706054546>

25 November to 10 December 2022, DR Congo, Marie-Claire Faray led many events during the 16 days of activism to end Violence Against Women. These included face-to-face training sessions and workshops, a silent vigil, ten online sessions and five radio and TV media broadcasts in the DR Congo. On 29 November 2022, Marie-Claire Faray was interviewed as part of a French language TV programme with Q&A exchanges organised to mark 'International Women's Rights Defenders Day' and to raise awareness about women's rights, equality, and the necessity to address and end all forms of violence against women and girls in DR Congo. <https://youtu.be/mvPQouVgoQ>

6-7 December 2022, Cardiff, Rebecca Johnson speaks about how councils can connect with the TPNW on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Wales being declared a nuclear free country; the meeting was held at the Welsh Senedd, organised by NFLA-CND Cymru with members of the Senedd.

9-11 December 2022, Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp, 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Greenham 'Embrace the Base' (12.12.82), with 3 days of protest, art and discussions that included AIDD materials on UK Trident programme, climate destruction, militarism and the TPNW.

12 December 2022; Marie-Claire Faray and Dr Annick Balenga were speakers at Top Congo Radio 'A Christian Perspective' programme hosted by Pastor Colin Nzolantima to talk about their collaboration at the Women, Peace and Security; Armed conflict link to impunity, ignorance, Violence Against Women and Human Insecurity in The DR Congo. A Christian Perspective Program that is produced and aired each Sunday morning by a very respected and popular. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=seM23r-ZCt4>.

13-15 December 2022, Wilton Park Conference on The NPT after the 2022 Review Conference, Rebecca Johnson participated in some sessions, mainly addressing the NPT-TPNW connections, nuclear proliferation and threats in the Ukraine War.

19 December 2022, Kings Head Theatre, London, Rebecca Johnson was Q & A speaker following the showing of a 1984 play about Greenham and family dynamics 'A Common Woman'.

30 December 2022; MCF was a speaker at the "Congo Peace Vigil: A Global Call for Peace in the Congo", African Great Lakes Action Network (AGLAN) <https://afjn.org/congo-peace-vigil-a-global-call-for-peace/>;

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=6061194113945273&set=pb.100067731352891.-2207520000>

## 5.2) Publications and media in 2022

Rebecca Johnson, *Nuclear Weapons are Banned: What does this mean for Britain?* (London: AIDD and CND 2022).

AIDD working paper 'Ways to strengthen international security and pursue nuclear disarmament using the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons', written by Dr. Johnson and published by the United Nations/TPNW, 9 June 2022, [TPNW/MSP/2022/NGO/33](https://tpnw.org/msp/2022/ngo/33).

Rebecca Johnson is quoted in Julian Borger, Five of world's most powerful nations pledge to avoid nuclear war, *The Guardian*, 3 January 2022.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/jan/03/five-nations-pledge-avoid-nuclear-war>

Rebecca Johnson interviewed by Kim Hill, *RadioNZ*, 25-26 January 2022.

Rebecca Johnson interviewed live on *BBC World at One* on 28 February 2022, about nuclear threats and Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Rebecca Johnson, 'Ukraine war shows 'nuclear deterrence' doesn't work – we need disarmament', *OpenDemocracy*, 24 March 2022.

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/odr/ukraine-russia-war-putin-nuclear-weapons-disarmament-deterrence/>

Rebecca Johnson quoted in Edith Lederer, Russia blocks final document at nuclear treaty conference, *Associated Press*, 26 August 2022 <https://apnews.com/article/russia-ukraine-covid-health-china-fb34d7221d0afe726cc0b89dbdac277c>

Rebecca Johnson interviewed live on the NPT Review Conference outcome for Al Jazeera News, with excerpts rebroadcast in news programmes over 26-27 August 2022.

Rebecca Johnson quoted in Thalif Deen, UN Review Conference on the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Declared a Failure, *IDN InDepthNews*, 30 August 2022, reproduced in various publications around the world.

Rebecca Johnson, Another NPT fails due to reckless nuclear-armed governments, *CND blog*, 30 August 2022 <https://cnduk.org/another-npt-fails-due-to-reckless-nuclear-armed-governments/>

Rebecca Johnson, Preventing Nuclear Use: A tale of two treaties, *Rethinking Security*, 19 January 2023

Rebecca Johnson interviewed on nonviolent direct activism for climate action and nuclear disarmament, *BBC Radio4 World At One*, 11 November 2022.

## **6) 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 AIDD's 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.

### **AIDD 2022 Board of Directors**

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**Signed and dated on behalf of the Board by Professor Christine Chinkin  
Chair of AIDD's Board**