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ACRONYM INSTITUTE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019

prepared by Dr Rebecca Johnson, Executive Director for 2020 AGM (24 August 2020)

1. Summary

The Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy is a UK-based not-for-profit civil society organisation with UN consultative status through ECOSOC. With international reach based on twenty-five years of work on nuclear and humanitarian issues and treaties, Acronym provides research, ideas and practical strategies to promote and strengthen humanitarian disarmament and security agreements, environmental sustainability and progress for women, peace and security.

In 2019, the Acronym Institute was mainly funded by the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, with priority given to:

- Supporting international disarmament and humanitarian security objectives, with emphasis on multilateral treaties and agreements that reinforce international humanitarian law and the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), particularly relating to 16 on disarmament, 5 on gender equality, and 11 on safe cities. Acronym worked on these goals with governments and civil society, notably the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA), Humanitarian Disarmament networks and Control Arms.
- Raising public awareness about the 2017 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and facilitating the treaty's entry into force, along with uptake through state and municipal alignment initiatives and divestment strategies such as Don't Bank on the Bomb.
- Preparing the ground for the UK and United States to join the TPNW and comply with the disarmament and non-proliferation provisions of the 1968 Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). In 2019 this work centred on: research and education; initiatives with local and regional leaders to incorporate compliance with the TPNW wherever possible; enhancing the work of ICAN networks in the UK; autonomous coordination of ICAN partners in Scotland; and working with Members of the Westminster and Scottish parliaments and US Congress.

As described in more detail below, Acronym's team participated in international and UK-based workshops and coalitions in efforts to defend existing arms control and disarmament treaties, feminist, green and humanitarian approaches to rethinking security, and supporting new ideas for achieving the long-sought zone free of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) in the Middle East.

The Acronym Institute participated in monthly meetings of ICAN's International Steering Group and various additional management meetings of ICAN, where Rebecca Johnson continues to serve as Secretary of ICAN's Swiss HQ in Geneva. Acronym co-organised ICAN meetings in the UK and Janet Fenton was a co-founding organiser of Secure Scotland and co-coordinator of the ICAN Scottish Roundtable meetings, held over the year in Glasgow and

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Edinburgh. She also served as Secretary of the Scottish Parliament's Cross Party Group (CPG) on nuclear disarmament.

As well as representing Acronym in her work on the Arms Trade Treaty, Dr. Natalie Goldring served in IANSA's Leadership Team and contributed to briefing papers and training sessions for diplomats, as well as advocacy work and global outreach to implement the Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons. Dr Goldring's Acronym-related publications included articles in UN and IANSA publications on Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons, as well as meetings and media interviews, as listed below.

Acronym strengthened disarmament work in the United States in light of increased nuclear threats. In the UK, Brexit continued to be a problem throughout 2019, weakening British influence on security and disarmament issues. Acronym increased engagement with Russian, European and Middle Eastern security thinkers as well as ICAN partners in Europe and the Americas, in hope of offsetting the damage to existing nuclear and international security agreements being done by US President Trump and Russia's President Putin. But in August 2019 these short-sighted leaders pulled out of the the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, while Trump also undermined the plurilateral 2015 Joint Comprehensive Programme of Action (JCPOA) on Iran's nuclear programme. Acronym continued to promote regional actions for peace and disarmament in the Korean Peninsula, in conjunction with initiatives such as Women Cross DMZ and Nobel Women's Initiative.

Early in the year, Acronym contributed written and oral evidence to the House of Lords International Relations Committee Inquiry on nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament, and to the House of Commons Defence Committee Inquiry on the INF Treaty. In March, Rebecca Johnson debated the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) with French and US diplomats and academics at the Carnegie Nuclear Policy Conference in Washington D.C., in a plenary attended over 800 US policy-makers, academics, NGOs and officials. After reporting on NPT developments for the European Leadership Network (ELN), Dr Johnson participated in a Moscow roundtable on Russia-UK Dialogue on Nuclear Issues, hosted in November by the European Leadership Network, Carnegie Endowment and Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC).

In May 2019, Dr Johnson, Ms Fenton and Timmon Wallis represented Acronym at the NPT Preparatory Committee meeting at the United Nations in New York, and organised a well-attended side event on "Treaties Under Threat: Ways to reinforce agreements that strengthen security", with participation from diplomats and other NGOs. Acronym representatives also contributed to numerous side events and ICAN-related outreach. Dr Wallis carried on representing Acronym at the First Committee in New York in September and October, standing in for Dr Johnson in the UN Disarmament Fellows training programme with a session on the TPNW.

Dr Wallis's main Acronym-funded work was undertaken in collaboration with *nuclearban.us*. Working in Washington D.C., Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, California, Arizona, Minnesota and Wisconsin, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York, Dr Wallis took forward Acronym's TPNW work through public meetings and outreach in the United States. He organised and held meetings with elected local, municipal, state and congressional representatives to promote understanding of nuclear risks, the importance of the TPNW as a UN-based international legal instrument, and uptake of TPNW support through the ICAN Parliamentary Pledge and alignment initiatives for implementing the

TPNW's objectives and provisions, including the ICAN Cities Appeal and Don't Bank on the Bomb.

Janet Fenton continued to serve as Secretary to the Scottish Parliament's Cross Party Group (CPG) on nuclear disarmament. She took the lead in establishing the Scottish CND TPNW working group and developing the nuclearban.scot website, as well as carrying out briefings for Scottish parliamentarians on TPNW developments, nuclear warhead convoys through Scotland, activities at Faslane nuclear base, and TPNW press releases on the second anniversary of the Treaty's adoption by the UN General Assembly. She played prominent roles in organising No Nukes Day in September 2019 and an exhibition in the Scottish Parliament of the art of Kazakh Semipalatinsk nuclear test survivor Karipbek. She also presented at the Women of the World Festival (Scotland) and the ECOFEM event at Edinburgh World Justice Festival on the TPNW as a feminist issue.

Ms Fenton worked with UNA Scotland and the Soroptimists in preparatory meetings on the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), as well as discussions on the TPNW and Scotland's relations with NATO, the OSCE, the Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO) and other European defence-related bodies. She provided input and presentations on feminism and nuclear weapons to the International Relations and Applied Gender Studies course at Strathclyde University, spoke about the TPNW and climate work for the Quaker summer school, and wrote articles for the Anglican Fellowship. Ms Fenton's 2019 publications included articles and press releases on the relationship between the TPNW, nuclear testing, arms trading, climate destruction (with XR Peace), nuclear radiation and women, peace and security, as well as highlighting practical activities for civil society to take up, such as Cities TPNW alignment initiatives, Don't Bank on the Bomb, and ICAN's parliamentary pledge. She also participated in the Radical Book Festival with Tim Gee on 'Why I am a Pacifist', addressing the importance of using UN processes rather than resorting to war.

Dr Johnson participated in the International Panel on Fissile Materials (IPFM) meeting at Princeton University in May and spoke in New York meetings with various governmental representatives on the TPNW, verification and also issues relating to UK nuclear weapons. In January and October 2019, Dr Johnson gave lectures to military officers at the UK Defence Academy, Shrivenham, on the security importance of nuclear treaties and on Green approaches to security, peace and defence.

In June, Dr Johnson gave a series of lectures on nuclear and related issues for Lingnan University, Hong Kong, including: 'Nuclear 101: The basics from weapons to power – what we need to know'; 'From 1945 to 2019: nuclear developments, treaties and other milestones'; 'Atoms for Peace? Risks and challenges of nuclear power'; 'From nuclear proliferation, deterrence and power projection to humanitarian approaches for disarmament'; 'Gender, colonialism and humanitarian disarmament: feminist and intersectional analysis of nuclear weapons and security'. The students were from mainland China as well as Hong Kong, with a few from Latin America and Asia. Dr Johnson was also invited to deliver the Keynote opening lecture for the Sixth South-South Forum for Sustainability (SSFS6) on 'Tackling climate and nuclear emergencies: feminist-humanitarian reframing and global security activism'. These lectures have all been published on the Global University website.

In addition to speaking at various civil society meetings around Britain, Dr Johnson served as Guest Curator for the 2019 Salisbury Festival of Ideas on the theme 'Our Fragile Home',

where she linked weapons threats and climate dangers with positive action for humanitarian security through civil society resistance, education, politics, art, film and music. For this, she brought together writers, artists, singers, film-makers, diplomats and nuclear and climate scientists and activists, and personally participated in activities in Salisbury schools and various public events. In Ludlow in November, Dr Johnson was honoured with the Olivier Peace Award, and donated the associated honorarium to the Acronym Institute. She was on the nominations shortlist in 2019 for the Ypres Peace Award, which was eventually awarded to the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots, of which Acronym is also a partner.

Dr Johnson's publications in 2019 included Chapter 5 on the Nuclear Ban Treaty and Humanitarian Strategies to Eliminate Nuclear Threats, in the book titled Nuclear Disarmament, published by Routledge. As well as articles published in The Guardian and OpenDemocracy on US-Russian nuclear problems, INF Treaty, North Korea and South Asia, Dr Johnson authored articles on the Non-Proliferation Treaty for the European Leadership Network. She appeared on radio and television news programmes for the BBC, Sky News, Al Jazeera, and was quoted in several news articles.

Funding was lower in 2019 than in the previous two years. Dr David Atwood, retired from the Board in May 2019. Professor Christine Chinkin was unanimously elected Chair of the Board. Dr Gari Donn was elected to the Board in April 2019, to serve along with Nomi Bar Yaacov and Lord Ramsbotham.

2. Meetings and events in 2019

This list covers meetings and events that are open to the public with Acronym staff speaking and/or related to Acronym areas of work on issues such as peace, security, disarmament, women, intersectionality, NPT, CTBT, TPNW.

The list below does not include Acronym's participation in the monthly meetings of ICAN's International Steering Group and various additional management meetings of ICAN, where Rebecca Johnson continues to serve as Secretary on ICAN's legal HQ in Geneva, as well as monthly ICAN-Europe meetings. Acronym also participates in various internal strategic and management meetings and networks related to disarmament, peace, intersectional and security issues that are not listed below. These include meetings hosted by the International Network on Explosive Weapons (INEW), Control Arms, International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA), Middle East Treaty Organisation (METO), CND, Scottish CND, WILPF, and the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots.

8 January, Scottish ICAN Roundtable, Glasgow, followed by ICAN-UK campaigners meeting, co-convened by Janet Fenton, Gari Donn and Rebecca Johnson.

9 January, Scottish Parliament meeting on nuclear issues, Edinburgh, attended by Rebecca Johnson and Janet Fenton.

12 January, London Region CND public meeting, Rebecca Johnson gave a talk on the INF Treaty.

16 January, Greenham Control Tower Museum, Newbury, public talk and slideshow by Rebecca Johnson "From Greenham to the Nobel Peace Prize".

23 January, Westminster House of Lords, Rebecca Johnson gave oral evidence to the International Relations Committee Inquiry on the NPT and nuclear disarmament.

29 January, UK Defence Academy, Shrivenham, Rebecca Johnson gave a lecture on the Importance of Security Treaties and International Humanitarian Law.

4 February, Westminster House of Commons, Parliamentary CND meeting, Rebecca Johnson spoke about the INF Treaty and TPNW.

21 February, SOAS University of London, Rebecca Johnson gave ppt talk to students on civil society activism, the TPNW, disarmament and human rights: "SOAS to Nobel Peace Prize".

26 February, Salisbury, Wiltshire Arts Festival Launch, Rebecca Johnson spoke about peace movement and nuclear and chemical weapons connections in the area.

6 March, York University, Rebecca Johnson gave a talk on "Women, Security and Banning Nuclear Weapons".

11-13 March, Washington D.C. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Conference, Rebecca Johnson gave a plenary talk on the TPNW and participated in meetings on INF and START Treaties.

10 April, LSE meeting on Greenham Women Everywhere, Rebecca Johnson spoke.

11 April, York Friends Meeting House, ICAN UK partners meeting, coordinated by Rebecca Johnson and Janet Fenton.

17 April, East Lancashire CND and peace groups, Rebecca Johnson gave talk on "Nuclear and Climate destruction: Linked extinction threats and what to do about them".

25 April – 11 May, Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) meeting at UN New York, attended by Janet Fenton, Timmon Wallis and Rebecca Johnson, includes participation in civil society and governmental side events.

4-7 May, Princeton University, International Panel on Fissile Materials (IPFM), Rebecca Johnson spoke on the TPNW and UK nuclear challenges.

9 May, ACRONYM organised a well-attended side event on "Treaties Under Threat, Ways to reinforce agreements that strengthen security", facilitated by Rebecca Johnson, with introductions from Janet Fenton and Timmon Wallis, and participation from diplomats and NGOs.

23 May, Greenham Control Tower Museum, Newbury event "Reflections on Art and Protest" where Rebecca was a panellist.

31 May to 2 June, Salisbury Festival of Ideas on "Our Fragile Home": as guest curator Rebecca Johnson coordinated and spoke at a series of public events linking climate, nuclear and chemical threats, including speakers such as Amb. Kmentt (Austrian diplomat and a key architect of the TPNW; Dr Patricia Lewis (Chatham House); graphic artist Peter Bishop; poet Antony Owen; singer-songwriter Grace Petrie; nuclear film-maker Bob; Climate scientist Prof. Chris Rapley; XR and Schools Strike campaigner Kat Ewing and others.

24 June to July 5, Lingnan University, Hong Kong, Rebecca Johnson delivered a series of lectures covering many aspects of nuclear technologies, weapons, energy, humanitarian risks and impacts, and

26 July, Ventnor Isle of Wight Peace Groups, Rebecca was keynote speaker on 'Tackling climate and nuclear extinction dangers: Wake up, Diversify and Act Together Now for Global Security'.

6 – 7 August, Glasgow and Edinburgh events for Hiroshima and Nagasaki, with Janet Fenton and Rebecca Johnson speaking.

22 August 2019, Janet Fenton Participated in UN House Scotland *Seminar on the Illegality of Nuclear Weapons*.

August 2019, Janet Fenton with David Mackenzie perform *Stand up and Sit Down* – on the TPNW – Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

26 August, UN Geneva, Natalie Goldring delivered a statement on "Advancing work on gender issues and on eliminating Gender Based Violence" during the thematic discussion on "Gender and Gender Based Violence" at the 5th Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty.

27 August, UN Geneva, Natalie Goldring delivered a statement on "Enhancing efforts to control small arms and light weapons" during the general debate at the 5th Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty.

31 August, Janet Fenton, participated in two day event on *Legacies of the First World War Festival: Women & War* and launch of WILPF Film on the *Versailles Womens Conference*.

12 September, Janet Fenton gave introductory presentation for the Exhibition of new work by Kazakh nuclear test survivor Karipbek in Scottish Parliament.

September 2019, Janet Fenton organised a press call at the Scottish Parliament with various MSPs to promote ICAN Cities Appeal for the TPNW, and also participated in briefing and negotiations with Edinburgh Councillors for Edinburgh.

18 September, LSE, Rebecca Johnson participated in WPS workshop on feminist peace building.

21-22 September, Braziers Park, Rebecca Johnson gave panel presentation on Nonviolent Humanitarian Campaigning for Disarmament, Peace and Our Environment and facilitated a break-out workshop on feminist-intersectional approaches to peace and security.

1 October, UK Defence Academy, Shrivenham, Rebecca Johnson gave lecture on Green perspectives for security, peace and defence.

4 October, Washington DC, Natalie Goldring delivered a speech on "The conventional weapons context" for the PeaceCon 2019 panel "Parkland Voices – Can You Hear Us Now?"

5 October, Janet Fenton presented *TPNW as a Feminist Issue* on Women Peace and Security with Christina McKelvie MSP and led follow up workshop at Women of the World Festival in Perth (<https://www.smallcitybigpersonality.co.uk/Women-of-the-World-WOW-What-Now-Event-Perth-Scotland-2019-event>)

8 Oct, Janet Fenton platform speaker on *TPNW Scotland's role* at the Edinburgh Queens Hall Independence Rally.

14 Oct, Janet Fenton moderated *ECOFEM* (with TPNW emphasis) event at Edinburgh World Justice Festival.

18-19 October, FiLiA Conference, Bradford, Rebecca Johnson coordinated and spoke on a panel on Feminist Challenges to War with Amb. Bonnie Jenkins (USA) and Nounou Booto Meeti (DR Congo)

23 October, UN NY, Natalie Goldring delivered a talk on "Controlling ammunition – local, national, regional, and global" at a First Committee side event: "Controlling small arms and light weapons: Bottom up or top down approaches?", which was sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Ghana and the International Action Network on Small Arms.

25 October, UN NY, Natalie Goldring delivered invited comments at the First Committee side event: "Gender responsive small arms control," which was sponsored by the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs and the Small Arms Survey.

6 November, Ludlow Peace Groups, Rebecca Johnson received the Olivier Peace Award and gave a lecture on 'From Shropshire Lass to the Nobel Peace Prize' covering her work for peace, disarmament and climate justice (In connection with this Award, the Olivier trust donated £250 to Acronym).

10-13 November, Moscow, Rebecca Johnson participated in a roundtable on Russia-UK Dialogue on Nuclear Issues hosted by the European Leadership Network, Carnegie Endowment and Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC), and met with colleagues from Moscow's Center for Policy Studies (PIR).

14 Nov, Janet Fenton Radical Book Festival panel discussion with Tim Gee on 'Why I am A Pacifist' addressing UN process as opposed to war.

23 November, SOAS University of London, Rebecca Johnson spoke on 'Tackling climate and nuclear emergencies: feminist-humanitarian reframing and global security activism'

3 December, London, Rebecca Johnson participated in Chatham House and Friedrich Ebert Foundation roundtable on Bridge Building in the Nuclear Disarmament Discourse – Nuclear Deterrence and the Humanitarian Approach to Nuclear Weapons

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5. 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.

5.1 Acronym Institute Board of Directors in 2019:

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