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ACRONYM INSTITUTE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020

prepared by Dr Rebecca E. Johnson, Executive Director for AGM, September 2021

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 alternatives to militarism, insecurity and inhumane weapons, 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.

The Acronym Institute welcomes donations and is especially grateful to the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (JRCT) for funding our educational and security work, as well as a portion of our work to coordinate advocacy for the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) with ICAN partners, elected representatives and civil society in the UK.

Our grant-funded priorities during 2020 mainly covered nuclear disarmament and new thinking on security, climate and peace objectives, with emphasis on multilateral agreements that reinforce international humanitarian law and the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), particularly relating 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, life on land and life in the water.

In conjunction with these priorities, AIDD briefed members of parliaments on various issues relating to our disarmament, security and UN-related work, and made a formal submission to the government's Integrated Review on Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy in 2020. In response to calls from Women of Colour Advancing Peace and Security (WCAPS) and other groups and individuals in United States and UK, Acronym also increased our work on SDG 10, relating to reduced inequalities, with greater emphasis on anti-racism, diversity and feminist peace building.

This annual report takes place over a year of Covid lockdowns and cancelled international conferences and meetings, including meetings relating to the 1968 Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and 2017 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. AIDD has continued to serve on the International Steering Group (ISG) of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), and engage with diplomats, governments and civil society, including local councils and elected officials. Our ICAN team was extended to include Board member Dr Gari Donn, director of UN House Scotland, as well as Janet Fenton and Dr Rebecca Johnson.

Lord Ramsbotham retired from the Acronym Institute Board of Directors in January 2020, and Marie-Claire Faray was unanimously elected to the Board in June 2020, joining Professor Christine Chinkin (Chair), Ms Nomi Bar Yaacov and Dr Gari Donn.

Executive Director: Dr. Rebecca Eleanor Johnson (email rej@acronym.org.uk, mobile ph: 0773 336 0955))

**Directors of the Acronym Institute: Professor Christine Chinkin (director Women, Peace and Security, LSE University of London),
Dr Gari Donn (director, UN House Scotland), Marie-Claire Faray, Nomi Bar Yaacov Adv.**

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2. AIDD 2020 work before and after Covid

Before the UK locked down, AIDD's director Rebecca Johnson gave a seminar to over 150 serving officers in British and NATO defence services at the UK's Shrivenham Defence Academy, with emphasis on the growing climate emergency and necessity to reframe UK security and defence policies to tackle 21st century challenges.

This was followed in February with a public presentation at the European Parliament in Brussels on 'The future of nuclear arms control regimes and the security implications for the EU', hosted by the Subcommittee on Security and Defence (SEDE).

Just before the Brussels meeting, AIDD enabled participation of two youth activists, Grace Quin and Kat Ewing, to participate and speak in the ICAN Youth Forum held in Paris. This 3 day event was designed to encourage information exchange and training for young nuclear and climate activists from across Europe. Dr Johnson and Janet Fenton gave talks and lunch-time workshops for activists and students to help them develop local plans, strategies and tactics to take forward disarmament, humanitarian and climate initiatives, including for the TPNW and COP 26.

Following the Covid lockdowns and meeting cancellations, we focussed on being as effective as possible online. As listed in more detail in sections 3 and 4 below, we gave numerous presentations on the TPNW, NPT, the climate emergency, humanitarian security approaches and disarmament, in conjunction with various British and international organisations. These included the InterAction Council and One Young World Intergenerational Dialogue on Nuclear Disarmament, various CND and ICAN meetings with international and governmental participants, FutureFest, the International Panel on Fissile Materials (IPFM), Soka Gakkai International (SGI), Nuclear Information Service, Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp(aign), Chatham House, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and Extinction Rebellion.

Dr Johnson spoke on security and safe cities as part of the 2020 Salisbury Arts Festival, and participated in the South-South Forum on Sustainability (SSFS7) and Lingnan University on Climate justice and Green New Deals. After signing the WCAPS letter on 'Standing Together Against Racism and Discrimination', Acronym participated in further meetings and facilitated discussions on ICAN's direct engagement. As well as giving a further SSFS7 lecture on 'feminist-antiracist challenges to national security discourses', Dr Johnson participated in an XR Live Chat broadcast on militarism, climate destruction and feminist peace activism, and a Goltune podcast discussions with Iranian-US journalist Sara Jamshidi and NY-based Dr Kathleen Sullivan on how racism, insecurity and climate destruction are embedded in nuclear policies.

In March, AIDD coordinated the last in-person meeting of ICAN's UK partners at the Friends Meeting House, Euston. From then on, we initiated online meetings of ICAN partners every few weeks, including roundtables for Scottish partners working on the TPNW, which were also open to individuals and groups from other parts of the UK. From July we coordinated the ICAN partners network together with UNA-UK, thereby enhancing ICAN's strategic outreach and work related to parliamentary and faith-based advocacy and 'Don't Bank on the Bomb' initiatives. Working collectively with Nuclear Free Local Authorities, Mayors for Peace, Medact, WILPF and other relevant groups and councillors, we collectively increased

the numbers of UK local and county councils who pass resolutions to support and align with the TPNW during the year, adding Glasgow, Edinburgh, Hastings, Norwich, Oxford and Brighton and Hove to Manchester and Leeds which led the way in the previous year.

ICAN partners' major focus in 2020 has been the TPNW's entry into force. Advocacy for the TPNW in Britain intensified during the year, especially after the fiftieth Treaty ratification was received by the United Nations on 24 October, 2020. This milestone provided greater opportunities for engaging with the public, elected representatives and media, as it started the 90 day countdown towards the TPNW coming into full legal force on 22 January 2021.

In support of the SDGs, AIDD continued in 2020 to work closely with the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) in its global outreach and work to implement the Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons. While serving on the Leadership Team for IANSA, Dr. Natalie Goldring has also contributed to advocacy work, briefing papers and other materials for diplomats. Dr. Goldring represents AIDD in her work on the Arms Trade Treaty and continues to enhance Acronym's work with the United Nations and SDGs, with talks and contributions on ICAN's Cities Appeal, climate justice, safer cities and the disproportionate impact of military-industrial policies on indigenous communities, especially women and girls.

In addition to TPNW publications and media generated through ICAN with our support and input, AIDD publications and media during the year included several articles from Janet Fenton in *Bella Caledonia* and *Peace News*, which covered the real meaning of security, divestment from nuclear weapons, why nuclear weapons are a feminist issue, and peace-building in Scotland. Rebecca Johnson had articles published by the *Guardian* and *openDemocracy*, and contributed background as well as substantive quotes used in articles from *Nature*, *Associated Press*. Analyses by Dr Johnson and Dr Goldring were given extensive coverage in various articles published by *In Depth News*, the UN-based *International Press Syndicate*, including on issues covering nuclear and biological weapons developments, military budgets and the gendered use and impact of gun violence and militarism, among other topographical developments. Additionally, Dr Johnson authored a series of short leaflets that were published by *XR Peace*, covering issues such as militarism's contributions to climate destruction, nuclear weapons, the TPNW, and the UN Secretary-General's Global Ceasefire Initiative. See below for details and links.

3. Meetings and events in 2020

This list covers meetings and events that are open to the public with Acronym 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.

In addition to specific meetings listed below, Acronym Institute participates in regular monthly meetings of ICAN International Steering Group, as Dr Johnson serves as Secretary of ICAN's legal HQ in Geneva, and AIDD has legal, administrative and strategic responsibilities. We also participate 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 ICAN (such as ICAN-Europe), CND, Scottish CND, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), and the UK Campaign to Stop Killer Robots.

As appropriate and possible AIDD also participates in various other campaign-related meetings, including the International Network on Explosive Weapons (INEW), Control Arms, International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA), and 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.

7 January, 2020, Chatham House, London, UK Launch of the World Nuclear Industry Status Report 2019, with Mycle Schneider and other members of the International Panel on Fissile Materials.

28 January, 2020, UK Defence Academy, Shrivenham, Dr Johnson gave a lecture on the climate emergency and necessity to reframe UK security and defence policies to tackle 21st century challenges.

12 February, 2020, University of Sussex, Sisterhood and After presentation by Margaretta Jolly, with Rebecca Johnson contributing on feminism in the 1970s and Greenham in the 1980s.

13-15 February, 2020, Paris, ICAN Youth Forum, AIDD spoke and participated, providing also support and funding for two young climate activists to participate in the Forum: Grace Quin from Scotland, who spoke on one of the plenary panels, and Kat Ewing from Salisbury XR. Janet Fenton and Rebecca Johnson gave workshops and training for young activists bringing questions about how to plan, strategise and choose appropriate actions for their TPNW disarmament and climate initiatives.

18 February, 2020, Brussels, European Parliament Subcommittee on Security and Defence Public Hearing on 'Future of nuclear arms control regimes and the security implications for the EU', [Rebecca Johnson's panel presentation focussed on the NPT, TPNW and nuclear security issues.](#)

11 March, 2020, London, Friends Euston, ICAN partners in the UK network meeting, convened and facilitated by Rebecca Johnson and Janet Fenton.

27 April, 2020, Zoom, Rebecca Johnson facilitates ICAN strategy discussion on TPNW entry into force and what needs to happen at the first Meeting of States Parties.

28 April, 2020, zoom, Rebecca Johnson joined Kate Hudson, UK Ambassador Aidan Liddle, Jeremy Corbyn MP, Bill Kidd MSP as panel speakers for CND's scheduled NPT Review Conference side event on 'Will Britain honour its NPT commitments and disarm?', presenting on UK security objectives, the TPNW and verification.

8 May 2020, zoom, Natalie Goldring delivered an address on gun violence as a gendered phenomenon at a seminar sponsored by the Boston University School of Public Health, George Washington University's School of Public Health. See Lancet and Boston University coverage, May 2020:

<https://www.bu.edu/sph/2020/05/08/on-gun-violence-were-failing-to-see-the-whole-picture/>

Direct link to the program:

<https://www.bu.edu/sph/news-events/signature-programs/deans-seminars/guns-a-global-epidemic/>

15 May, 2020, Zoom, Rebecca Johnson gives talk on the TPNW at a side event organised by Janet Fenton at the Scottish Green Party Conference.

30 May, 2020, Zoom, Rebecca Johnson joins Salisbury Arts Festival panel conversation on "What next for the City?", presenting on new thinking about real security, with Harpreet Kaur (Powerbrokers International leadership programme fellow, researcher and arts manager, Gary Topp (CEO of Arnolfini and former CEO of Greening Australia), and Kat Ewing, schools strike and climate activist.

9 June, 2020, Zoom, public conversation hosted by Iranian-US journalist Sara Jamshidi and Goltune, featuring Rebecca Johnson with Dr Kathleen Sullivan, discussing the TPNW, JCPOA, Black Lives Matter connections and how racism, insecurity and climate destruction are embedded in nuclear policies.

12 June, 2020, Zoom, Rebecca Johnson spoke about British nuclear policies and the TPNW, alongside Baroness Jenny Jones and activists with the Aldermaston Women's Peace Campaign, XR Peace and Nuclear Information Service.

17 June, 2020, Zoom, Rebecca Johnson and Janet Fenton presents on nuclear and climate risks, costs, the TPNW and other diplomatic initiatives, in an XR Live Chat broadcast discussion of the militarism and climate destruction, with members of Veterans for Peace and XR Peace.

2 July, 2020, Zoom, InterAction Council and One Young World Intergenerational Dialogue on Nuclear Disarmament (zoom), Rebecca Johnson gave the main presentation and responded to questions on 'Current challenges in arms control and recommended actions to build sustainable security and disarmament in the future'.

11 July, 2020, Zoom, Seventh South-South Forum on Sustainability (SSFS7, organised by Lingnan University Hong Kong), Panel on Ecological Justice through Socialist Transformation, Rebecca Johnson presented on 'Green New Deals and Extinction Rebellion', alongside Jayati Ghose, Ashish Kothari, Sit Tsui, Mithika Mwenda.

13 July, 2020, Rebecca Johnson contributed to the Workshop on the Politics of Alternative Security, organised by Thomas Martin, Nick Ritchie and Elisabeth Schweiger.

17 July 2020, Zoom, Acronym Institute and Lingnan University, Hong Kong, jointly organised a lecture for the Seventh South-South Forum on Sustainability (SSFS7) in which Rebecca Johnson spoke on 'Black Lives Matter: Feminist-AntiRacist Challenges to national security discourses'.
<https://commons.ln.edu.hk/southsouthforum/2020/lecture/2/>

29 July 2020, Acronym Institute convened zoom meeting of ICAN partners in the UK, focussing on the 75th anniversaries of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and look ahead to planning for TPNW entry into force.

Janet Fenton set up and presented ICAN Exhibition at the Edinburgh Yes Hub – socially distanced with virtual meeting on 8th August from the venue. Exhibition will run from 6 - 31st Aug, Part of the informal 'virtual' Festival. (<https://www.edfringe.com/>)

6 August 2020, Hiroshima commemoration ceremony (in person), Aldermaston, Berkshire.

10 August 2020, Reb Johnson is interviewed for Futurefest online event on 'How we can build a more secure future', <https://www.nesta.org.uk/event/How-can-we-build-a-more-secure-future-Dr-Reb-Johnson/>

19 August 2020 Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Janet Fenton with David Mackenzie performed 'Stand Up or Sit Down an interactive performance on the story of getting the Nuclear Ban Treaty and what can be done about it'.

1 September 2020, Rebecca Johnson joined WCAPS Orgs in Solidarity meeting on tackling racism in our work.

8 September 2020, Rebecca Johnson facilitated ICAN ISG special meeting on ways for ICAN to highlight nuclear colonialism and address racism in our peace and disarmament networks, attended also by Janet Fenton.

17 September 2020, Rebecca Johnson and Janet Fenton participated in ICAN ISG special meeting on TPNW Entry into Force.

17 September 2020, Rebecca Johnson joined WCAPS Orgs in Solidarity meeting on tackling racism in our work.

21 September 2020, Janet Fenton co-coordinated and Rebecca Johnson spoke at ICAN Scotland seminar for International Day for Peace.

23 September 2020, Rebecca Johnson led ICAN ISG meeting on 'Imagining the First MSP & getting there'.

6 October 2020, ICAN Partners in UK Meeting coordinated by Acronym, UN House Scotland and UNA-UK.

15-16 October 2020, Rebecca Johnson joined Bridge-building roundtable on Nuclear deterrence and the humanitarian approach to nuclear weapons, organised by Amb Alexander Kmentt, Chatham House and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung.

19-21 October 2020, AIDD participated in online Humanitarian Disarmament Forum sessions on 'Intersectionality and Race'.

October 2020, Natalie Goldring spoke on 'Civil society collaboration – On increasing engagement for a gendered approach to small arms control at the grass-root level' at the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs panel on 'Supporting gender mainstreamed policies, programmes and actions in the fight against small arms trafficking and misuse, in line with the Women, Peace and Security agenda'.

20 October 2020, ICAN Partners in UK Meeting on preparing for the 50th Signature, coordinated by Acronym, UN House Scotland and UNA-UK.

22 October 2020, Rebecca Johnson joined WCAPS Orgs in Solidarity meeting on tackling racism in our work.

29 October 2020, Dr Johnson spoke at SGI webinar on TPNW and Pres Daisuke Ikeda's peace proposal.

17 November 2020, Abingdon Peace Group meeting on 'The Nuclear Weapons Treaty has been ratified by 50 nations: What next?'.

19 November 2020, Acronym co-coordinated ICAN partners in UK to plan for TPNW entry into force scheduled for 22 January 2021.

1 December 2020, Rebecca Johnson facilitated ICAN Steering Group discussions on anti-racism and WCAPS OrgsinSolidarity

1 December 2020, Janet Fenton co-coordinated Scottish ICAN roundtable, attended by Rebecca Johnson and Gari Donn.

14 December 2020, Futurefest/Nesta online, Interview and podcast featuring Rebecca Johnson and Beatrice Fihn of ICAN (published in January 2021)

<https://www.facebook.com/nesta.futurefest/photos/a.416198785240869/1596904657170270/?type=3>

17/18 December 2020, Dr Johnson participated and spoke in 2 day meeting of the Princeton University based International Panel on Fissile Materials (IPFM).

4. Publications and media in 2020

Janet Fenton, 'Secure Scotland,Towards Peace' *Bella Caledonia*, January 2020

<https://bellacaledonia.org.uk/2020/01/08/secure-scotland-towards-peace/>

Rebecca Johnson, 'Macron's post-Brexit nuclear ambitions are destined to fail', *The Guardian*, 10 February 2020, <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/feb/10/emmanuel-macron-brexit-nuclear-britain-president-france>

Janet Fenton, 'Nuclear Weapons are a Feminist Issue – This is Why', *Bella Caledonia*, February 2020 <https://bellacaledonia.org.uk/2019/02/03/nuclear-weapons-are-a-feminist-issue-this-is-why/>

Janet Fenton and Rebecca Johnson, short contributions with other various other activists on 'What Should We Do?' *Peace News*, February 2020 <https://www.peacenews.info/node/9591/what-should-we-do>

Rebecca Johnson, 'The future of nuclear arms control regimes and the security implications for the EU', published by SEDE, European Parliament, February 2020, [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/cmsdata/197668/SEDE hearing presentation Rebecca Johnson 18February2020.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/cmsdata/197668/SEDE%20hearing%20presentation%20Rebecca%20Johnson%2018February2020.pdf)

Rebecca Johnson was extensively quoted in Thalif Deen, 'Coronavirus threatens to wreck nuclear review conference', *Inter Press Agency*, 4 March 2020, which was widely circulated in local media around the world. <http://www.ipsnews.net/2020/03/coronavirus-threatens-wreck-nuclear-review-conference/>

Natalie Goldring quoted in Thalif Deen, 'China & India Ranked World's Biggest Military Spenders Trailing US', analysing SIPRI's annual military expenditures data, *Inter Press Service*, April 2020, <http://www.ipsnews.net/newsletters/sent/ipsnews-gn-2004291804.html>

Janet Fenton, 'How to ban bombs and influence people,' *Peace News*, May 2020 <https://peacenews.info/node/9622/how-ban-bombs-and-influence-people>

Janet Fenton, 'Nuclear Matters: Climate Nukes' *The Anglican Peacemaker*, April 2020 <https://www.anglicanpeacemaker.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/ANG-27223-Peacemaker-20-1-WEB.pdf>

Janet Fenton worked with John Finnie MSP and Xanthe Hall from ICAN in Germany on a collaborative media project on divestment, resulting in article 'Scots and German Make Common Cause on Nuclear Weapons' with *Bella Caledonia*, which was then published through ICAN German outlets. <https://bellacaledonia.org.uk/2020/06/05/scots-and-germans-make-common-cause-on-nuclear-weapons/>

Janet Fenton, 'Real Meaning of Security' in *Nuclear Free Scotland* (Spring/Summer 2020 Edition) <https://www.banthebomb.org/images/stories/images/magazine/NFSSS2020.pdf>

Rebecca Johnson was the main source for "Researchers help free the world of nuclear weapons", *Nature* editorial, 4 August 2020, <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-02274-9>

Natalie Goldring, chapter on 'Small Arms and Light Weapons' in Reaching Critical Will's annual First Committee Briefing Book, published in September 2020: <https://reachingcriticalwill.org/images/documents/Disarmament-fora/1com/1com20/briefingbook/FCBB-2020-salw.pdf>

Rebecca Johnson was quoted in Edith Lederer, 'UN: Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty to enter into force', *Associated Press*, 25 October 2020, <http://www.ipsnews.net/2020/03/coronavirus-threatens-wreck-nuclear-review-conference/>

Rebecca Johnson, 'Nuclear disarmament: from open-ended talks to treaty ratification and beyond', *openDemocracy*, 28 October 2020, <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/can-europe-make-it/nuclear-disarmament-from-open-ended-talks-to-ratification/>

Natalie Goldring's analysis of risks posed by nuclear and biological weapons quoted in Thalif Deen, 'A Potential Weapon Kills Over 1.5 Million Worldwide –Without a Single Shot Being Fired', *Inter Press Service*, November 2020: <http://www.ipsnews.net/2020/11/potential-weapon-kills-1-5-million-worldwide-without-single-shot-fired/>

Also 7 Leaflets written by Rebecca Johnson and published by XR Peace May-August 2020:

Ban Nuclear Weapons! Present Climate Catastrophe and Nuclear Famine, leaflet for XR Peace, May 2020; <https://xrpeace.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/XR-Peace-TPNW-Ban-leaflet-final2-with-links-May2020.pdf>

Nuclear Weapons in Covid Times: Deadly Threats to Lives, Health and Security, leaflet for XR Peace, June 2020; <https://xrpeace.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/XR-Peace-NW-dangers-Leaflet-final-with-links.pdf>

Militarism is a Big Cause of Climate Destruction and Violence Against Children, leaflet for XR Peace, June 2020; <https://xrpeace.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/XR-Peace-Children-War-leaflet-final-June2020-w-links.pdf>

Climate Chaos and Covid-19 Pandemic: Dangers for Our Security of Ignoring the Warning Signs, leaflet for XR Peace, June 2020; <https://xrpeace.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/XR-Peace-COVID-Unprepared-final-leaflet-with-links-May2020.pdf>

Global Ceasefire Now! Save Lives, Build International Security and Peace, leaflet for XR Peace, June 2020. <https://xrpeace.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/XR-Peace-Ceasefire-Leaflet-final-w-links-May2020-1.pdf>

BAE-Systems: Destroying the world in our name, leaflet for XR Peace, June 2020 (printed).

Generic leaflet titled 'Climate Justice Now, End Militarism' for XR Peace, August 2020. https://xrpeace.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/XR-Peace-gen-Sept_Rebel-29.8.20.pdf

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 2020:

Professor Christine Chinkin CMG FBA

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Dr Gari Donn

Marie-Claire Faray (elected in June 2020)

5.2 Personnel

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Signed on behalf of the Board on [date]

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Professor Christine Mary Chinkin CMG FBA

Chair of the Board of the Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy