



*You are cordially invited to participate in a  
Framework Forum roundtable*

***From the NPT to the UN General Assembly:  
Filling the legal gap to prohibit and eliminate nuclear weapons***

**Geneva, 1 September 2015, 13:15-18:00**

*Restaurant Loyalina 121 rue de Lausanne, and  
Auditoire Jaques Freymond, rue de Lausanne 132*

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***Concept and program***

**Introduction**

Despite the failure of the 2015 NPT Review Conference, some real gains were made during the four weeks of negotiations. There were a number of initiatives and proposals in the [Draft Final Report of the Chairman of the 1<sup>st</sup> Committee](#) (May 15) and the [NPT 2015 draft final document](#) (May 21) that had either general agreement or widespread support by NPT Parties.

These included reference to the humanitarian imperative to achieve nuclear disarmament, and various options to establish the legal framework for the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons, which were outlined in a [New Agenda Coalition working paper](#). The *Draft Final Report of the Chairman of the 1<sup>st</sup> Committee* also included a recommendation for mutually reinforcing building blocks that could be realized simultaneously. Many of these were outlined in the NPT working paper [Building blocks for a world without nuclear weapons](#).

The *NPT 2015 Draft Final Document* also included a recommendation that the UN General Assembly establish an Open Ended Working Group to identify and elaborate effective measures for the full implementation of Article VI of the NPT, including legal provisions required to achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world.

However, many delegations at the 2015 NPT Review Conference highlighted security issues, including regional conflicts, which need to be considered in order to relinquish reliance on nuclear weapons and to prohibit and eliminate them. The recent re-affirming and strengthening of nuclear threat postures between Russia and NATO/USA reinforce the point that security issues are an important consideration. On the other hand, the success of the Iran negotiations demonstrates that nuclear-related conflicts can be resolved, and that this can support nuclear non-proliferation and assist nuclear disarmament.

The Framework Forum, established in 2011, brings governments and disarmament experts together in a roundtable format to consider practical measures to establish the legal and political framework for a nuclear weapon free world. This Framework Forum roundtable will discuss the proposal for an Open Ended Working Group and how it could relate to other forums/processes, outline the various options which the OEWG could consider in order to pave the way for negotiations, examine the security issues relating to nuclear deterrence and offer non-nuclear alternatives to address these issues.

## Program

13:15 – 14:45      **Lunch session:      Nuclear disarmament and security issues**  
*Restaurant Layalina 121 rue de Lausanne. Lunch provided*

**Welcome:**      Hubert Schillinger, Director Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Geneva

**Speakers:**      Tarja Cronberg, Chair Middle Powers Initiative  
*Diplomacy can work – the Iran deal*

Marc Finaud, Senior Programme Advisor, Geneva Centre for Security Policy  
*European security and reducing the role of nuclear weapons*

Uta Zapf, PNND Special Rep for Inter-parliamentary Organisations  
*Parliamentarians, cooperative security and nuclear disarmament*

15:00 – 16:20      **Session 2:      Options to fill the legal gap and practical measures to  
achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world.**  
*Auditoire Jaques Freymond, rue de Lausanne 132*

**Chair:**      H.E. Benno Laggner, Head of the Task Force on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-  
Proliferation, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

**Speakers:**      H.E Abdul Samad Minty, Permanent Representative of South Africa to the UN in Geneva  
*Options outlined by the New Agenda Coalition*

H.E. John Quinn, Permanent Representative of Australia to the UN in Geneva  
*Building blocks and practical measures*

**Respondent:** Aaron Tovish, Mayors for Peace  
*Nuclear Weapons Convention or a framework agreement*

16:40 – 18:00.      **Session 3:      United Nations processes including  
an Open Ended Working Group**  
*Auditoire Jaques Freymond, rue de Lausanne 132, Geneva*

**Chair:**      Hannah Peters, Program Officer, Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Geneva

**Speakers:**      Annika Thunborg, Director Disarmament & Non-Proliferation, Swedish Foreign Ministry  
*UN machinery including an Open Ended Working Group*

Alyn Ware, PNND Global Coordinator and Co-founder UNFOLD ZERO  
*Elevating the role and success of the United Nations*

**Concluding comments:**  
Tarja Cronberg, MPI Chair