

00:16:15 Liam Carter (Australia Institute):Hi all - Liam from The Australia Institute here. Thanks for joining us today. Looking forward to a great webinar!

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00:19:34 Chris Johansen: Thanks Liam, watching from Whadjuk Noongar country

00:20:43 Michael Rabey: The Rotary Club of Canberra Burley Griffin today, within Rotary District 9705, proposed a Resolution calling on Rotary International to endorse the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. If successful this Resolution would go to the Rotary International Board for consideration.

00:21:03 Pamela Collett: Great idea to get Rotary International on board

00:29:08 Warren Smith: Greeting from the Maritime Union of Australia - Peace is Union business.

00:29:40 Pamela Collett: Definitely. Peace is Union and everyone's business! thanks

00:31:10 Philip Craig: Wonderful to hear from you Warren and MUA greetings. long time no see

00:31:13 Rose Read: This is the first time I recall an all women webinar not on women's business and what an amazing group of women!

00:33:19 hilary cook: This very much women's business - apart from any thing else we give birth to those used by the state to do the military work of killing....

00:33:41 Greg (Darwin, Australia): MAD wasn't a peaceful "balance". It was a constant, looming threat (mostly Reagan and Gorbachev) that we were lucky to survive.

00:35:19 Philip Craig: driven by the Arms industry business model to feed political figures sick egos. We need to build a golden bridge for the adversary to retreat across and ensure the \$ flow to education, health and welfare.

00:36:42 Greg (Darwin, Australia): Hm. Yes. We need more than one day of democracy every three years, with the aristocrats (career politicians) making the decisions in the interim.

00:38:12 Gem Romuld: Polling we've done at ICAN in Australia shows 70-80% of Australians want the government to join the ban. Around 2 dozen unions have called for Australia to join the ban as well (hi MUA!)

00:38:53 Pamela Collett: Suggest we need more publicity about the issue, the need to sign and ratify and the public support and unions support

00:39:24 robert butterfield: It seems Australia is basically a vassal state to the US so won't act independently from the American Government.

00:40:01 Pamela Collett: What is the position of the Labor Party on the treaty?

00:40:27 Gem Romuld: Labor has committed in policy since 2018 to sign and ratify in government

00:40:41 Greg (Darwin, Australia): Hm. Yes. We need more than one day of *democracy* (not merely voting!) every three years, with the aristocrats (career politicians) making the decisions in the interim.

00:41:30 Michael Niemira-Dowjat: 1000% agreed!

00:44:38 Angela Woodward: I'm concerned the 2018 Labour Party resolution on the ban treaty includes conditions on its commitment to adhering to the TPNW. "Labor in government will sign and ratify the Treaty [on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons], after taking account of the need to:

- Ensure an effective verification and enforcement architecture;
- Ensure the interaction of the Ban Treaty with the longstanding Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty;
- Work to achieve universal support for the Ban Treaty."

00:46:28 Gem Romuld: Thanks Angela, they aren't conditions but factors to "take account of" - which is sensible and doesn't present barriers anyway. The battle was fought and won at the 2018 Labor conference to make sure they aren't pre-conditions.

00:46:29 Pamela Collett: It doesn't sound as if "universal support" is a precondition to sign and ratify

00:47:16 Angela Woodward: Thanks for that clarification Gem, it's tricky reading the situation from over the ditch.

00:47:38 Greg (Darwin, Australia): #wagepeace

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00:48:00 Pamela Collett: YES thanks Sharn PEACE is always on the agenda

00:50:22 Angela Woodward: It will be difficult for Australia to resist strong US pressure — and join the TPNW. But Marianne is right, ANZUS is not a nuclear alliance, and Australia isn't under the NATO group-think, so can strike out. And even some NATO states are sounding like they might renounce NW - such as Belgium and Germany quietly discussing removing US NW on their territory. So bridges could be built between Australia and other current hold-out states, so that they can all jump together in joining the treaty. Are civil society groups helping to make these connections between such states, for such action?

00:53:54 Michael Niemira-Dowjat: Bruh. The indigenous deserve far more than lip service.

00:54:19 Dan Monceaux: I saw an ADF advertisement in a bus shelter the other day as I drove by. It said "what do you love?" in large capital letters with a photo-portrait of a woman in camo. Just sharing this observation.

00:55:36 Pamela Collett: RIGHT ADF... with "what do you love?" frightening

00:56:03 Michael Niemira-Dowjat: Holy... (barf)

00:56:04 Janette McLeod: The military-industrial complex is not interested in government funding going to social services. No huge profits there.

00:56:18 Michael Niemira-Dowjat: ^ Indeed.

01:00:09 Gem Romuld: The Australian Government has no legitimacy on nuclear disarmament or non-proliferation until it signs and ratifies the ban. We are currently part of the problem, by legitimising the use of nuclear weapons on our behalf.

01:01:53 Warren Smith: Good job Sharan. Nuclear no way.

01:02:17 Colin Mitchell: I agree the caveats can be resolved in theory but the reality I think is that the caveats are there so Labor can indefinitely put off joining the Treaty because there is no political will to challenge the US and certainly not to fiddle with Pine Gap. I am pessimistic about Aust joining the Treaty unless Clause 1e is removed from the Treaty so that this is not required, It could be discussed at the Conf of the States Parties.

01:04:05 Philip Craig: Certainly right Colin. US does not take lightly any Aus govt that does not tow the line and it sets about to remove it .. and have done.. vassal state is aus

01:04:13 Colin Mitchell: Labor might be more prepared to declare that the ANZUS Treaty is non-nuclear and to tell the US that we don't want to be defended by nukes or endorse their use.

01:04:28 Gem Romuld: Colin I disagree, we need to raise the pressure and compel the government to join the ban. Remember Australia was dragged kicking and screaming to join the landmine and cluster munitions treaties. Weakening the treaty to enable Australia to change nothing and sign up is not the answer.

01:04:37 Colin Mitchell: as a first step the above

01:05:53 Angela Woodward: Colin Mitchell, the treaty text will not be amended — and shouldn't be — on Article 1e (assistance). It's crucial. States can't join but still assist others to engage in prohibited activities, otherwise the treaty would be meaningless. Instead, Australia needs to work out the interoperability challenge.

01:06:09 Colin Mitchell: But consider that Aust joining the Treaty would galvanise public opinion around the world so making it easier for Aust to join the Treaty could be a good strategy.

01:07:50 Angela Woodward: Colin, but would significantly weaken the ban, making it not a ban, in effect. That's not going to happen. The ban is already creating a taboo on NW possession, deterrence and alliances and eventually the groundswell will lead current holdouts to join.

01:08:26 Colin Mitchell: You might be right, but we might lose momentum with the public if no umbrella states join the Treaty.

01:09:22 Philip Craig: USA meddles .. read Consortium news article "America Has No Allies, Only Hostages" ..

01:10:16 Angela Woodward: Colin: it's very early days. The taboo is taking hold and, as we saw with other weapons treaties, the umbrella states and holdouts will feel under increasing pressure and ultimately realise that the weapons do not enhance their security (in fact, those funds need to go towards actual security, including public health, as we're seeing right now)

01:11:49 Gem Romuld: Excuse a lil plug for the campaign in Australia- icanw.org.au

01:12:23 Philip Craig: The despair of students is the result of a particularly nasty piece of social engineering by Howard.. to dumb down society ..

01:14:40 Angela Woodward: I'm optimistic that Australia will join the TPNW too. It is currently on the wrong side of history - how long does it want to be there? NW are inhumane, immoral and illegal - how much longer can Australia justify their existence?

01:14:57 Dan Monceaux: Great discussion, thanks everyone <3

01:15:17 Liam Carter (Australia Institute):Thanks to all for joining us today and for participating in a fascinating discussion! For details about upcoming webinars and to book head to https://nb.tai.org.au/webinar_series

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01:15:31 Michael Rabey: May Peace Prevail on Earth

01:15:44 hilary cook: Thank you all.....

01:15:48 Pamela Collett: all of us must and will work for Peace. thank you

01:15:48 robert butterfield: Let's all remember the injustice against Assange

01:16:02 Mary Stephens: Thanks for a wonderful and hopeful session!

01:16:27 Angela Woodward: Great webinar and discussion, thank you! Best wishes from Aotearoa New Zealand.

01:16:29 Gem Romuld: Thank you Ebony, Marianne, Sharan, Helen. Fantastic analysis.

01:16:38 Francis Hutchinson: Thank you

01:16:39 Pamela Collett: Congrats to ICAN and all who worked so hard and long for the treaty

01:16:42 Allan Evans: Great discussion Ladies.

01:16:52 Dave Sweeney: thanks to all panellists - and to ICAN!

01:17:02 Helen McWaters: Thank you

01:17:03 Rose Read: Wonderful, insightful ad powerful

01:17:08 Pattie Angel: Thank you. Wonderful session.

01:17:26 robert butterfield: Thanks for a great discussion

01:17:35 Doug Hewitt: Great contributions