



A Conference: Freedom from Nuclear Weapons through Legal Accountability and Good Faith

Organised by International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, Abolition 2000 Europe
International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms, International Peace Bureau.

6 -7 July 2006, Brussels, European Parliament



The European Parliament in Brussels

The two-day conference will mark the tenth anniversary of the World Court Advisory Opinion on the threat or use of nuclear weapons. The intention is to identify relevant aspects of International Humanitarian Law and Treaty Obligations clarified by the Opinion.

The first day will concentrate on the legal implications of the Advisory Opinion, emphasising developments since 1996. It will start with a review of the Opinion, and a reminder of how nuclear weapons affect people. The rest of the day will consider Nuclear Policy Concepts and the Advisory Opinion, including an examination of the concept of "good faith" in relation to current nuclear weapons policy.

The second day will examine the various options for another request to the World Court for a fresh ruling about the legal status of nuclear weapons. The afternoon session will present civil society initiatives linked with a return to the World Court.

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Programme

THURSDAY 6 JULY 2006

08.30 Registration and Coffee

OVERVIEW

Chair: to be announced

09.00 Notices and Opening Remarks

09.15 Main findings of the Court and the legal development since 1996

Christopher Weeramantry, *former judge of the International Court of Justice*

The effects of nuclear weapons

Dr. Victor Sidel, *International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War*

10.00 The Role of Public International Law and the ICJ in a Changing World

Dr. Hans Corell, *formerly Legal Counsel of the United Nations.*

10.30 Break

10.45 The International Humanitarian Law aspects of the Advisory Opinion

Louise Doswald-Beck, *University Centre for International Humanitarian Law, Geneva*

Judge Weeramantry,

Hans Lammerant, *Forum for Peace Action, Bombspotting*

12.25 Lunch

13.25 Nuclear Policy Concepts and self-defence

Chair: Dr. Ronald McCoy, Co-President, IPPNW

Peter Weiss, *International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms.*

Steven Haines, *Royal Holloway College, London*

Commander Robert Green, *Royal Navy (Ret'd)*

Andrew Lichterman, *Western States Legal Foundation.*

15.15 Break

15.30 Negotiating "in good faith"

Dr. John Burroughs, *Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy*

(Other speakers in this section to be announced).

General Discussion on the day's proceedings

17.30 First day of Conference ends

18.00 - 19.30 Showing of dvd, "The Last Atomic Bomb", a film by Robert Richter and Kathleen Sullivan.

FRIDAY 7 JULY 2006

08.30 Registration and Coffee

OVERVIEW

Chair: IALANA Germany

09.00 The development of the World Court Project
Dr. Kate Dewes, *New Zealand, Disarmament and Security Centre*

09.30 Role of the ICJ in the International System and Compliance with its Judgements,

Phon van den Biesen, *International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms, Netherlands*

10.00 Experiences with Domestic Courts

Court Experiences in the U.K, **Phil Shiner**, *Peacerights Nuclear Weapons and German Courts*, **Peter Becker**, **Otto Jaeckel**, *IALANA Germany*
Defending US Nuclear Resisters, **Anabel Dwyer**, *Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy.*

11.15 Break

11.30 Return to The International Court of Justice

Alyn Ware, *Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy*
Jacqueline Cabasso, *Western States Legal Foundation*
Peter Weiss, *International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms.*

General Discussion

13.15 Lunch

14.15 Going to the ICJ and Civil Society: 1

Chair: Cora Weiss: Chair of the International Peace Bureau

Mayors for Peace presentation

Dr. Tadatoshi Akiba, *Mayor of Hiroshima*

Citizens' Legal Actions, **Phil Shiner**, *Peacerights*
Actions and the legal case against nuclear weapons,

15.15 Break

15.30 Going to the ICJ and Civil Society: 2

Hans Lammerant, *Forum for Peace Action, Bombspotting*

Yannik Hake, *Aktion-Voelkerrecht*

Angie Zelter, *Trident Ploughshares and Faslane 365*

George Farebrother, *World Court Project U.K.*

17.15 **Cora Weiss**, *The Way Forward.*

17.30 Close of Conference

18.00 – 20.00 Activist Workshop "The legal defence of actions against nuclear weapons"

19.00-21.00 Planning meeting for Return to the ICJ: The Van Belle Hotel .