

## KEY INTERNATIONAL EVENTS IN 2013

**An Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) on nuclear disarmament**, will meet for up to 15 days in Geneva in 2013. This was established by the UN General Assembly in October 2012 through draft resolution [A/C.1/67/L.46](#). Dates of the meetings are as yet uncertain, but Beatrice Finn of Reaching Critical Will Geneva office expects to report regularly once they begin. The resolution was not supported by the nuclear weapon possessors, with France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States voting no and China, India, Israel, and Pakistan abstaining. The nuclear weapon states (NWS) of the **[nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty \(NPT\)](#)** argued that an OEWG on nuclear disarmament will undermine the implementation of the **[NPT action plan](#)** adopted at the **[2010 NPT Review Conference](#)**. Thirteen states, including Austria, Chile, Costa Rica, Iceland, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Philippines, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay introduced the resolution.

**Conference on Disarmament 2013 meets in Geneva** in three sessions each year. Reaching Critical Will attends all plenaries and posts reports and government statements on their website <http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/disarmament-fora/cd/2013>. E-subscriptions to the CD monitor are also available while the body is in session. (You should be able to sign up for reports on the first session on or before January 21.) This is the body in which all disarmament negotiations are meant to take place. However, no negotiations have occurred since 1995. During the past Administration – and, indeed, since the “opposition party” won control of the Senate during the Clinton regime -- the United States was a major block to negotiations. The Land Mines and Cluster Bombs abolition treaties were both negotiated outside of the CD thanks to strong pressure from NGOs and the cooperation of the Canada and Norwegian governments. The current administration is more cooperative but it still has not been possible to progress on nuclear weapons abolition negotiations since the CTBT was negotiated in 1994.

**Part One: 21 January–29 March**

**Part Two: 13 May–28 June**

**Part Three: 29 July–13 September**

**The Humanitarian Consequences Of Nuclear Weapons And The Road To Nuclear Weapons Abolition.** Go to <http://www.goodbyenuk.es>

**On 2-3 March 2013** ICAN (of Australia) will host a **Civil Society Forum in Oslo, Norway** to demonstrate that a treaty banning nuclear weapons is both possible and urgently needed. ICAN has invited hundreds of people from all corners of the world to give inspiring speeches, informative workshops, engage in lively discussions and of course, to have fun. Ray Acheson and Beatrice Finn of Reaching Critical Will expect to be there, as does Jackie Cabasso of US WILPF, Western States Legal Foundation and UFPJ Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Human Security Working Group. **US WILPF members are invited to participate and help bring a nuclear abolition treaty into reality.**

**On 4-5 March 2013**, the government of Norway will host an **international conference on the humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons**. That conference should see greater recognition that the humanitarian impact of nuclear weapon use would be unacceptable, and we hope it will inspire states to begin the work of outlawing these weapons. Only a few NGO representatives will be invited to attend, but others may hover on the edges.

Susi Snyder, our former International President and also formerly Director of Reaching Critical Will wrote to invite us to Faslane, home of the British Nuclear submarines. See <http://www.abolition2000.org/?p=2782#more-2782>

**Abolition 2000 Annual General Meeting**

**Scotland 17-19 April 2013**

**Support the campaign to make Scotland a nuclear weapon free zone!**

“The two year countdown to the Independence Referendum in the autumn of 2014 will see a number of highlight events and none will be of greater importance than this visit of international activists and experts on nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament coming to Scotland and our Parliament.”

**Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Prep Com in Geneva**

**April 20-21: ICAN NGO Campaigners meetings** in preparation for the Prep Com and work for an Abolition Treaty

**April 23-May 3: Official NPT Prep Com meetings.** Most official plenaries are open during the first week.

**April 23-May3: Daily NGO side events** and daiy publication of the NPT monitor by Reaching Critical Will The greatest number of NGOs attend and side events occur during the first week, but events and NGO gatherings continue throughout.

**Aprll 22-24; the International Security Forum, hosted by the Swiss government** and open to NGO representatives, diplomats, military personnel and others from around the world.. This year's theme is Facing a World of Transitions. Does anyone have two weeks for the NPT and Faslane?

**26 September 2013 a high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament** will be held as a one-day plenary meeting on, to contribute to achieving the goal of nuclear disarmament. Indonesia introduced the Resolution. The meeting will take place in New York