

## Practical

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**Date:** April 19th 2007 8:30 – 18:30

**Location:** Room ASP 5 E 2, European Parliament, Brussels

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***Abolition 2000 Europe, ISIS Europe,  
Mayors for Peace, Olof Palme  
International Center and the  
Parliamentary Network for Nuclear  
Disarmament***

invite you to the  
International Conference

“A comprehensive approach  
towards nuclear disarmament”

Thursday 19 April 2007

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European Parliament  
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## Introduction

During this conference we wish to explore the possibilities and opportunities for the EU to become increasingly involved in promoting non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament. This conference is very timely in the run-up to the next Non-Proliferation Treaty PrepCom (April 30 May 11 2007).

The recent nuclear test by North-Korea as well as the nuclear weapons modernisation programs of the nuclear-weapon states are deeply disturbing events. Today nine countries have nuclear weapons compared to six just 10 years ago. On October 16th 2006 Nobel Peace Prize laureate Mohamed ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, declared a new approach was necessary as another 20 or 30 nations have the capacity to develop nuclear weapons in a very short time span. ElBaradei underscored: It is difficult to maintain the logic that for some countries reliance would be made on nuclear weapons or even trying to develop new nuclear weapons while telling everybody else that is not good for you.

In response to this mounting peril the Mayors for Peace, other global associations, and private citizens are now working together to promote the 2020 Vision Campaign. The purpose of this campaign is to eliminate all nuclear weapons by the year 2020 through a binding agreement outlawing all nuclear weapons.

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## Programme

8:30-9:00: Registrations

9:00-10:00: Welcome and keynote speeches:  
**The growing role of the EU on non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament.**

- Ana Gomes, Vice-chair subcommittee on Security and Defence EP-(MEP, PSE)
- Gareth Evans, Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission.

10:00-11:15: Keynote speeches:  
**The international context and current state of play of the NPT.**

- Girts Kristovskis, Chair-MEP UEN, EP rapporteur on WMD.
- Alyn Ware, Director Parliamentary Network for Nuclear Disarmament.
- Lena Hjelm-Wallén, ex-foreign Affairs Minister Sweden & President Olof Palme International Center.

11:15-11:30: **Coffee & Tea break**

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11:30-13:00: **Panel I: The role of the EU in the implementation of the NPT:** lessons learned from the past disarmament treaties.

- Angelika Beer, Chair-MEP Green/EFA.
- Tom Sauer, Catholic University Leuven
- André Brie, MEP, GUE.

13:00-14:30: **Lunch in EP**

14:30-16:00: **Panel II: Preserving the coherence of the NPT:** Non-proliferation, disarmament and double standards.

- Annemie Neyts, chair & introduction, MEP ALDE
- Rebecca Johnson, Executive Director Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy, UK.
- Steven Pullinger, ISIS-Europe.
- Paul Ingram, Senior Analyst, British American Security Information Council. (BASIC)

16:00-16:30: **Coffee & Tea break**

16:30-18:00: **Panel III: Compliance with NPT Article VI:**  
The way ahead for the EU to pursue nuclear disarmament at the 2007 NPT PrepCom and create a Nuclear Weapon Free Zone(s) in Europe.

- Jean-Luc Dehaene, Chair-MEP PPE and Mayors for Peace, Ex-PM Belgium.
- Dr. Mahmoud Karem Mahmoud, Ambassador Arab Republic of Egypt
- Ambassador Russia, tbc.
- Senator Emeritus Douglas Roche, chair of the Middle Powers Initiative.
- Xanthe Hall, IPPNW Germany

18:00-18:30: **Final Conclusions**

- Pol D'Huyvetter, Co-ordinator Abolition 2000 Europe.
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