

Nordic Network to Ban Uranium Weapons

NNmU- Nordisk Nettverk mot Uranvåpen



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urgently requests the governments of the Nordic countries:

1. To submit updated reports as required by UN
2. To begin work as part of a coalition of the willing towards an international convention
3. To cooperate within a Nordic context in the run up to the 65th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in 2010, for a common Nordic ban on conventional uranium weapons.

See also resolution of 1st Nordic Network Conference, Stockholm nov. 2009.

LATEST NEWS:

- [Irish DU ban bill up for consideration in early 2010](#)

A bill that would ban the use of uranium weapons and armour in Ireland will be discussed early in 2010. Similar bills are under discussion in Costa Rica and New Zealand following Belgium's decision to ban the weapons in June 2009. 16 December 2009 - ICBUW



- **Italian court rules that Ministry of Defence failed to protect Balkan peacekeepers**

A tribunal in Rome has ruled that the Italian Ministry of Defence failed to adequately protect its troops from the hazards posed by exposure to depleted uranium munitions in Kosovo.

- [ICBUW sends an open letter to the WHO](#)

ICBUW responds to the ongoing concern over the WHO's stance on the potential health impact of uranium weapons by sending an open letter to Dr Margaret Chan, Director General of the WHO. 23 November 2009 - ICBUW

- **ICBUW meets representatives from about 16 countries** in Geneva in nov. '09:

International Campaign to Ban Uranium Weapons – ICBUW / Dough Weir og Ria Verjauw met representatives from Australia, Czech Republic, Egypt, France, Hungary, Iceland, Iraq, Israel, Lithuania, FYR Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, UK and the UAE to discuss uranium weapons. **Denmark** refused to meet ICBUW and instead referred us to Copenhagen. Dough is now in contact with Henriette Kristensen (Head of Section / Dept of Security Policy) at the Danish MFA.

ICBUW's meeting with the representative from **Iceland** was very positive: Ragnar Kristjansson (Dep. Perm. Rep to UNOG, WTO and EFTA). Ria and Dough took Mr Kristjansson through all aspects of the issue, he was attentive and curious throughout. He hadn't managed to get a position from Reykjavik so was keen to gather information. Iceland has no army and has never fought in a war, however they do have civilians in Afghanistan as part of the ISAF force.



BARE ET SPØRSMÅL OM TID FØR URANVÅPEN BLIR FOBUDT. RAPPORT fra første Nordiske Nettverkskonferanse mot Uranvåpen, Stockholm nov.'09

v/ S. Urban, IKFF-Bergen.

Bevisbyrden lagt på offeret: Uranvåpen: Kan det være lurt å spre giftig og radioaktiv avfall fra atomindustrien over hodene på folk og land? Det er få mennesker som ville være kyniske nok til å svare ja. Likevel er vi i den absurde situasjonen at det er ofrene og deres sympatisører som må bevise at det er en sammenheng mellom mangedobbelt antall nyfødte med til dels groteske misdannelser, død-fødsler, spontanaborter og en stor økning i ulike kreftformer og andre sykdommer i områder som har blitt utsatt for "bunker-busters" med hoder i uranmetall (Kosovo, Irak, Afghanistan, Somalia). WHO, verdens helseorganisasjon svikter her: Den er underlagt IAEA/ International Atomic Energy Agency- ingeniørenes kontroll. At WHO kategoriserte homofili som sinnsyke helt fram til 1990 er et slående eksempel på denne organisasjonens sendrektighet...

Deltagere fra over 10 land: Over 60 registrerte konferanse deltakere bidro med overveldende engasjement og kunnskap til at Nordisk Nettverk mot Uranvåpen vil arbeide for et forbud mot slike våpen med fornyet styrke. Mange ulike organisasjoner var representerte, bl.a.: Baltic Sea Region Radioactivity Watch, Action "Clean Iraq", International Association of Lawyers against Nuclear arms, Svenske läkare mot kärnvåpen, Svensk Røde Kors, journalister fra Serbia og Italia/ Association for Military Victims and Families, Ikv Pax Christi, Miljöpartiet, Swedish Peace Committee, Foreningen Klarspråk, Folkkampanjen mot Kärnkraft/ Kärnvåpen, Kvinnor för Fred, Stockholm, IrakSolidaritet, SSAMK-Sjuksköterskor, sjukgymnaster och biomedicinska analytiker mot kärnvåpen. Foredragsholderne bl.a. fra International Campaign to Ban Uranium Weapons og IKFF-Norge.

RESOLUSJONEN FRA NORDISK NETTVERKSKONFERANSE ber de nordiske lands regjeringer å følge FN's oppfordring og framlegge oppdaterte rapporter om uranvåpens potensielle virkninger på helse og miljø. Vi anmoder våre regjeringer å være aktive i arbeidet for et internasjonalt forbud mot uranvåpen og samarbeide om et felles nordisk forbud mot uranvåpen. I januar/ februar 2010 vil vi invitere flest mulig organisasjoner til å stille seg bak resolusjonen før vi oversender den til våre respektive lands regjeringer.

- **Next steps in our Nordic Network:** send the Stockholm resolution signed by as many big organisations as possible to our respective ministries of foreign affairs. Until now the resolution is signed by Miljörelsens Kärnavfallssektariat (Milkas), Sverige; Kvinnor för fred, Sverige; Transnational Foundation (TFF), Sverige; Folkkampanjen mot Kärnkraft och Kärnvåpen, FMKK, Sverige; Cleaniraq (irakisk organisation baserad i Sverige); Iraksolidaritet, Sverige; Norges Fredslag, Norge; Den Norske Fredskommittén; Nei til Atomvåpen, Norge; Suomen Rauhanliitto - YK-yhdystys - Finlands Fredsförbund - forening för FN; PAND - Taiteilijat rauhan puolesta - Artister för fred (Finland); Rauhankasvatusinstituutti - Peace Education Institute (Finland); Tekniikka elämää palvelemaan - Tekninen i livets tjänst (Finland); Suomen luonnonsuojeluliitto - Finnish Association for Nature Conservation; Svenska Fredsvänner i Helsingfors (Finland); Suomen kristillinen rauhanliike - Finlands kristliga fredsrörelse; Suomen Sadankomitea (Finland); Artists for a Clean Future (Finland); Loviisan rauhanfoorumi - Lovisa fredsforum (Finland)

HJELP US by contacting organisations you are a member of and asking them to support the resolution! english version: www.bandepleteduranium.org/en/a/296.html

- **Links to new information on use and effects of DU-weapons:**

The Responsibility of the US in Contaminating Iraq with Depleted Uranium by Prof Souad N. Al-Azzawi
<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=15966>

Letter to UN general assembly about deformed babies in Fallujah, signed by Iraq's Minister of Women's Affairs, states that 24% of the babies born in Fallujah General Hospital in September 2009 died within their first week of life. Of the remainder of the babies who survived beyond the first week of life, a full 75% were reported born with deformities.

<http://www.uruknet.info/index.php?p=60083>

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