

World Court Project to Abolish Nuclear Weapons

A global citizens' coalition working for good-faith implementation of the nuclear disarmament obligation upheld by the International Court of Justice



Good Faith, International Law, and the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons: The Once and Future Contributions of the International Court of Justice

Warwick Hotel
14 Rue de Lausanne, Geneva
(opposite the main train station)
Thursday 1 May 2008, 10.00 -18.00
Registration at 9.30

Keynote speaker: Judge Mohammed Bedjaoui
President, International Court of Justice, 1994-1997
Algerian Foreign Minister, 2005-2007

With a focus on the theme of good faith, the conference will examine the obligation to achieve the global abolition of nuclear weapons contained in the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and rooted in humanitarian and other international law.

Academic and practising lawyers, researchers, diplomats, members of civil society, and NGOs will be among the speakers and participants.

**Seating is limited. Please register with
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Conference co-sponsors: International Peace Bureau;
International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms;
International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War;
The Simons Foundation; World Court Project UK; Abolition 2000 Europe;
Western States Legal Foundation; International Law Campaign;
Lawyers' Committee on Nuclear Policy;
International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility.

Conference Programme

10:00 Registration and Opening

10:15 Keynote speaker

Judge Mohammed Bedjaoui, President, International Court of Justice, 1994-1997; Algerian Foreign Minister, 2005-2007

11:15 Coffee break

11:45 Good Faith in International Law and Morality

- **Peter Weiss**, Vice President and former President, International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms (IALANA); Vice President, Fédération Internationale des Droits de l'Homme
- **Karima Bennouna**, international law professor, Rutgers Law School, Newark, USA
- **Marcelo Kohen**, international law professor, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

1:00 Lunch break

2:30 Requirements of Good-Faith Negotiation of Nuclear Disarmament

- **Ambassador Jaap Ramaker**, Chair, Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty negotiations, 1996
- **Dr. John Burroughs**, Executive Director, Lawyers' Committee on Nuclear Policy, New York

4:00 Coffee break

4:30 Return to the International Court of Justice on the Disarmament Obligation

- **Phon van den Biesen**, Vice President of IALANA; advocate before the ICJ
- Short remarks by **George Farebrother** (World Court Project UK), and representatives of the International Peace Bureau, the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility and other civil society organizations
- Discussion

6:00 Closing