

# 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 (10.15): 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; Mayors for Peace;  
The Simons Foundation; World Court Project UK; Abolition 2000 Europe;  
International Law Campaign; World Federation of United Nations Associations;  
Lawyers' Committee on Nuclear Policy; Western States Legal Foundation;  
International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility.

# Conference Programme

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9.30 Registration, 10.00 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

**Jacqueline Cabasso**, Executive Director, Western States Legal Foundation, Oakland, California

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, Mayors for Peace, and other civil society organisations

6.00 Closing