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“Protecting Rights, Remediating the Environment: Addressing the Harm from Nuclear Weapons”

Side Event on Positive Obligations in a Treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons

**June 21, 2017, 13:15 to 14:45pm
Conference Room B, UN Headquarters**

During the March negotiation session of the nuclear weapons ban treaty, 27 states plus the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the ICRC and civil society called for the new legal instrument to include also positive obligations on states parties. Such positive obligations could include:

- Rights and remedial measures (e.g. environmental remediation, risk education, victim assistance),
- Promotion of the treaty and of its norms (e.g. universalization and disarmament education),
- International cooperation and assistance to implement the above two sets of obligations.

This panel discussion will assess the positive obligations in the first draft of the treaty, suggest ways to improve them, and highlight why such revisions would be particularly important to the prohibition treaty. This event will help ensure that the treaty not only builds on previous humanitarian disarmament treaties but that it also contributes to the SDGs and the Agenda 2030.

Speakers:

- **H.E. David Donoghue**, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the UN
- **Roland Oldham**, Moruroa e Tatou (MET), President of an organization advocating for the rights of victims of nuclear testing in Tahiti
- **Bonnie Docherty**, Harvard Law School International Human Rights Clinic, expert on humanitarian disarmament law
- **Erin Hunt**, Mines Action Canada, expert on victim assistance
- **Elizabeth Minor**, Article 36, expert on humanitarian disarmament

Chair:

- **Matthew Bolton**, Director of Pace University’s International Disarmament Institute