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Distinguished International Advisory Board for global nuclear Centre

Canberra, 31 May 2012. The Centre for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament today announces the establishment of a highly distinguished and experienced International Advisory Board, headed by former Australian Foreign Minister and now Australian National University Chancellor, Gareth Evans.

Its members are James Acton (UK), Alexei Arbatov (Russia), Jayantha Dhanapala (Sri Lanka), Mark Fitzpatrick (US), Bates Gill (US), Francois Heisbourg (France), Pervez Hoodbhoy (Pakistan), Yoriko Kawaguchi (Japan), Patricia Lewis (Ireland), Pan Zhenqiang (China) and Jennifer Allen Simons (Canada). Brief biographical information on each is attached.

The Centre is located in the ANU's new Crawford School of Public Policy, and headed by former UN Assistant Secretary-General Professor Ramesh Thakur. It is supported by the Australian and Swiss Governments, and partnered by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP). It was established primarily to continue the work of the International Commission on Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (ICNND), co-chaired by Professor Evans and former Foreign Minister of Japan Yoriko Kawaguchi, and also acts as the Secretariat for the Asia-Pacific Leadership Network on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, supported by the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI) (see www.a-pln.org).

The major project of the Centre will be to produce a series of 'state of play' reports – the first to be published early in 2013 – on global efforts to minimize the risk of nuclear weapons use, stop their spread, and ultimately achieve their complete elimination.

Professor Evans said that "In the quality and extent of its analysis, and the foundation it lays for advocacy, next year's State of Play report will be an indispensable tool for global policymakers."

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The International Advisory Board of the Centre for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (CNND)

Gareth Evans (Chair), former Foreign Minister of Australia, President of the International Crisis Group, and Co-chair of the International Commission on Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament, is Chancellor of the Australian National University.

James M. Acton is a senior associate in the Nuclear Policy Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington. A physicist by training, he specializes in deterrence, disarmament, nonproliferation, and nuclear energy.

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Jayantha Dhanapala, former United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs and President of the NPT Review and Extension Conference in 1995, is President of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs.

Mark Fitzpatrick, a former career diplomat with the US Department of State, directs the non-proliferation and disarmament program of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) in London.

Bates Gill, Director of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), Sweden, has a long record of research and publication on international and regional security issues, including arms control, non-proliferation, peacekeeping and military-technical development.

Francois Heisbourg, former director of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) in London, is Chairman of the IISS Council and Chairman of the Foundation Council of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP).

Pervez Hoodbhoy is Professor of Nuclear and High-Energy Physics and Head of Physics Department at Quaid-e-Azam University, Pakistan.

Yoriko Kawaguchi, former Foreign Minister and Minister for the Environment of Japan and Co-chair of the International Commission on Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament, is a member of the Japanese House of Councillors.

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