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New Mexico Citizens Report on United Nations Nonproliferation and Disarmament Conference

Findings: New Mexico's Nuclear Commitments Are Damaging Global Efforts to Stem Proliferation, Harming State's Economy

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Albuquerque – This morning at 11:00 am at the main campus of the University of New Mexico, New Mexicans who attended the Preparatory Committee meeting of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) at the United Nations will be available to answer questions about current efforts to stem nuclear proliferation and the U.S. in those efforts.

The press conference will be held on the east side of the Duck Pond.

We have chosen UNM because of that institution's key role in providing nuclear weapons technicians to the state's nuclear laboratories. It is a role which we citizens believe merits more public discussion and debate than heretofore.

At least ten New Mexicans participated in events in New York, and saw first-hand the threatening – and counterproductive – posture of the United States in international nonproliferation discussions.

These citizens attended as delegates of the Los Alamos Study Group, a New Mexico-based non-governmental organization working for nuclear disarmament, nonproliferation, and a sustainable economic and social development paradigm for New Mexico. Albuquerque Veterans for Peace and the Loretto Community were also represented. A total of 69 nongovernmental organizations from around the world attended last week's meeting.

Background about the treaty and the meeting will be available today.

We have invited a few colleagues with known interest and experience in this subject to join us if they have time. It is short notice for all concerned; we thought it was important to speak promptly of our experience.

One of the findings from our research in New Mexico, which we brought to the UN, is that it is more and more clear that New Mexico's devotion to nuclear weapons has brought our society and polity nothing but relative underdevelopment, democratic immaturity, and diminished sovereignty. Darwin BondGraham presented on this subject at the panel discussion we organized.

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