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Peggy Mason to Receive Nuclear Disarmament Award

Canadians for a Nuclear Weapons Convention (CNWC) has awarded its 2016 Achievement Award to Peggy Mason for her ongoing commitment to a nuclear weapons-free world and for her persistent disarmament advocacy as a diplomat and civil society leader.

Ms. Mason's career, including serving as Canada's Ambassador for Disarmament from 1989 to 1995, highlights diplomatic and specialist expertise in the field of international peace and security, with a particular emphasis on the United Nations. Since 1996 she has been involved in many aspects of UN peacekeeping training, including the development of groundbreaking principles on the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of former fighters, the reform of UN arms embargoes and the dramatic evolution of UN peacekeeping in the 21st century.

Ms. Mason is currently the President of the Rideau Institute, an independent, think tank focusing on research and advocacy in foreign, defence and national security policy.

CNWC is a civil society network, open to all recipients of the Order of Canada, which seeks to inform and educate Canadians on the increasing danger of nuclear proliferation and nuclear war. It supports the UN Secretary-General's Five-Point Plan for Nuclear Disarmament, including negotiations for a Nuclear Weapons Convention. The number of members of the Order of Canada who have joined the initiative is 916, and the list is growing.

The Award will be presented to Ms. Mason at a reception October 24 in Ottawa.

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