

**update NAPF vom 15.07.2014**

## **1. World Council of Churches Supports Lawsuits**

In a strong statement issued at the end of the 10th Assembly of the World Council of Churches (WCC), the WCC called on its member churches and related ministries and networks to "...support the lawsuit filed by the Marshall Islands against the nuclear-armed states at the International Court of Justice."

To read the full statement, click here

<http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=ujlMfpGh%2F4Si64AgKpzpCTRqYQFajsN4>.

## **2. Letter in /The New York Times/**

This morning, /The New York Times/ published a letter to the editor that I wrote about the Nuclear Zero Lawsuits. /The Times/ had called on India to negotiate an end to the regional nuclear arms race with Pakistan and China. My letter calls on India to negotiate with ALL nuclear-armed nations for nuclear disarmament.

Click here

<http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=ImeMe6KUimMGyF8Am8dWhzRqYQFajsN4> to read the letter to the editor. Click here

<http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=xvcXv%2FMLy5uqMYePEHy6CTRqYQFajsN4> to read the original editorial to which I was responding.

## **3. WAND to Host Nuclear Zero Webinar**

Nuclear Zero partner Women's Action for New Directions (WAND) will host a webinar

<http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=dNYS6ZrhI1pKBqmCNK8JpDRqYQFajsN4> about the Marshall Islands and the Nuclear Zero Lawsuits on August 6 at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time. I will give a brief overview of the lawsuits and the civil society campaign, followed by Ms. Neisen Laukon from Rongelap Atoll in the Marshall Islands.

While Ms. Laukon was not on Rongelap the day of the Bravo detonation (the largest-ever nuclear test by the United States), she was taken there in 1957 when the Rongelapese were returned to the atoll. She lived there as a child and has suffered from various illnesses as an adult.

Please join the webinar on August 6, and encourage all of your members and followers to do so as well. Click here

<http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=u%2FkgGAymRjfGJqCImYMQYzRqYQFajsN4> for more information and to RSVP to this free webinar.

## **4. Motion to Dismiss?**

The Marshall Islands expects the United States government to file a Motion to Dismiss the lawsuit in U.S. Federal District Court on July 21. The Marshall Islands will then have one month to respond to the Motion to Dismiss. Some NGOs are mobilizing to write amicus briefs to the court in time for the August 21 deadline.

If you are interested in submitting an amicus brief to the court, please contact me as soon as possible at [rwayman@napf.org](mailto:rwayman@napf.org).

### **5. IALANA/INES Newsletter Dedicated to Nuclear Zero Lawsuits**

Members of the International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms (IALANA) and the International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility (INES) have been leaders in the effort to achieve a nuclear weapon-free world and are strong supporters of the Nuclear Zero lawsuits.

IALANA and INES have jointly issued a July newsletter dedicated to the lawsuits.

You can read the newsletter here

<http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=cASO%2B%2Ba6UeS0nf1Q16zzBjRqYQFcjsN4>.

I will be in touch as new developments arise. Please be in touch if you have any questions or ideas about how to effectively promote the Nuclear Zero Lawsuits

<http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=%2FePownlhjIvJaJvNyTelnjRqYQFcjsN4>.

Thank you so much for your support and for standing together for Nuclear Zero!

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