In March 2013, the Oslo conference on the humanitarian impact of the nuclear weapons was launched at the international level. The aim of the conference was to raise awareness of the dangers that nuclear arsenals can create, a risk due to a military nuclear accident or a nuclear war of low or higher intensity. France chose not to take part to this conference, along with the 4 other major nuclear weapons states.

The humanitarian approach is gaining momentum internationally, with more and more States showing their support, including the ones that have given up their nuclear weapons, nuclear-weapons-free-States, those which are part of NATO (eg. Denmark), and those like Japan which have nuclear weapons deals with the United States. 126 States signed a statement (October 21, 2013) in the UN General Assembly on the humanitarian consequences of weapons.

Unfortunately, this concept is completely absent from French parliamentary debates. On the contrary, modernization of the French nuclear arsenal is the main discussion, while France has the third nuclear arsenal in the world and has carried out 210 nuclear tests.

For the first time, this conference will make it possible to discuss the humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons and to examine the responsibility of French MPs and European parliamentarians to ensure the safety of their populations. We will hear from experts about the medical, humanitarian, environmental and economic consequences of nuclear weapons, and speakers from Kazakhstan, Polynesia and Algeria will describe the impact that nuclear weapons testing has had on their people.

Taking place at a pivotal time, as Mexico prepares to host a follow-up to the Oslo conference on the humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons on 13-14 February 2014, this conference will help to trigger an important debate in France and present the arguments of civil society and diplomats.
**Program**

Welcome from 9:00 am (provide an ID card)

French-English simultaneous translation

9.30h - 10h: **Opening remarks**

- M° Leila Aïchi, Senator Europe Ecology-The Greens

10h - 12h: **First session**

**The reality of the impact of nuclear weapons**

Moderator: M. Patrice Bouveret, director of the Observatoire des armements

- French Polynesia after 30 years of nuclear tests
  
  M. Richard Tuheiva, Senator Polynésie française, affiliated to the socialist group

- The effects of China’s nuclear testing on Uyghur people
  
  M. Enver Tohti, Uyghur MD

- The Kazakhstan experience
  
  A spokesperson for the Kazakhstan Embassy

- The Algerian situation after French nuclear tests
  
  M° Fatima Benbraham, Lawyer (Algeria)

- What possibility for humanitarian relief is there following a military nuclear explosion?
  
  M. Antoine Peigney, Director of the International Relations of the French Red Cross

Discussion with the audience

12h - 2h: Break

2h - 4h: **Second session**

**Humanitarian dimension: A way to revive the debate on nuclear disarmament at the UN?**

Moderator: M. Yann Mens, Chief Editor, Alternatives internationales

- Ms. Inga M. W. Nyhamar, former Deputy Director-General, Section for Disarmament, Non proliferation and Export Control of Norway

- Jean-Hugues Simon-Michel, Ambassador and French Permanent Representative of the Conference on Disarmament

- M. Thomas Nash, director Article 36

- Ms. Sylvie Brigot-Vilain, Executive Director of International Campaign to Ban Landmines and Cluster Munition Coalition

- M. Thomas Nash, PNND United Kingdom director and Coordinator Peace and Disarmament at the World Future Council

- M. Guadalupe-Rocío Carabajal Mora, second secretary for Human Rights and Multilateral Affairs, Embassy of Mexico

Discussion with the audience

4h - 6h: **Third session**

**Role and power of European and French parliamentarians in the process of control and disarmament of nuclear weapons?**

Moderator: M. Jean-Marie Collin, Expert and Director of the PNND-France

- M. Nick Harvey, MP, former defence minister, United Kingdom;

- M. Benoît Hellings, Belgium MP

- Ms. Leila Aïchi, Senator Europe Ecology-The Greens

- M. Hervé Morin, MP, UDI, former defence minister (not yet confirmed)

- M. Michelle Demessine, Senator communist (not yet confirmed)

Discussion with the audience

6h - 6.30h: **Closing speech**

By M. Richard Tuheiva, Senator of French Polynesia, affiliated to the socialist group