

DRAFT PRESS RELEASE FOR DELEGATES TO 53rd PUGWASH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

"..... Quotation reflecting your general impression.." saidname of delegate, Oftown/city/institution on his/her return from the fifty-third Pugwash International Meeting on "Advancing Human Security: The Role of Technology and Politics" held in Halifax, Nova Scotia from July 14-22, 2003. Delegates from forty-three countries met in the spirit of the Manifesto of Bertrand Russell and Albert Einstein in 1955 at the height of the cold war, aimed at the abolition of nuclear weapons. Pugwash, a lodge owned by Cyrus Eaton was the site of the first international meeting of concerned scientists, was revisited by the delegates. Sir Joseph Rotblat, who accepted the Nobel Prize for Pugwash in 1995, spoke to a large Halifax-Pugwash audience. He declared that nuclear disarmament was the only option for the world, and stated, "...any use of nuclear weapons must be seen as immoral, because it carries the danger of escalation and of our own annihilation." Given changes in U.S. policy that favor the use of nuclear weapons, Rotblat urged conference delegates to ensure that Pugwash continue to campaign actively to influence disarmament.

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widening their security focus. "Putting people at the center of security policy enhances national and international security, and promotes human development and well-being".¹

"Our work will culminate in a final report of the conference designed to be of use to the work of Pugwash, governments, and local peace action groups" saysdelegate. "Interested people can check the international Pugwash website at www.pugwash.org for individual papers presented at the conference, for the final report as well as photos of conference participants and presenters.

¹ Freedom from Fear: Canada's Foreign Policy for Human Security