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Hon. John McKay P.C., M.P.

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Dear Mr. Baker:

Thank you for writing to me regarding Canada's nuclear disarmament policy.

I was pleased to organize an all-party meeting among Canadian Members of Parliament and Senators with Izumi Nakamitsu, the UN Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs in February of this year. The meeting was co-hosted by the organization. Canadians for a Nuclear Weapons Convention, lead by former Canadian ambassador Douglas Roche.

Ms. Nakamitsu provided a thorough overview of the status of the politics associated with the topic of disarmament and offered advice on the role Canada can play to advance the cause of abolishing such weapons. It is my understanding that she also had occasion to meet with senior government officials and policy makers.

As noted in Douglas Roche's *Hill Times* article, the Government of Canada has shifted its diplomatic posture regarding its position on the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. In contrast with the United States and NATO, Canada has withdrawn its opposition and "acknowledges" the reason for the Treaty."

I hope this information is helpful. Thank you for your advocacy for nuclear disarmament.

Sincerely,

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