

Report to United Nations Office of Disarmament Affairs

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Angela Kane, UN High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, was hailed as "woman of the hour" at the conclusion of an event-packed, 26-hour visit to Ottawa December 3-4, 2013, sponsored by Canadians for a Nuclear Weapons Convention.

The High Representative's visit, which included meetings with the Government of Canada, extensive print, TV and radio interviews, speaking to a Parliamentary Forum and an Academic Seminar, and a courtesy call on the Speaker of the Senate, was an outstanding success.

In thanking Ms. Kane at the end of the Academic Seminar, Dr. Walter Dorn of the National Defence College, said her intellectual leadership and intense diplomatic work in Syria "has made her the woman of the hour." The High Representative "has rejuvenated our work in Canada."

Ms. Kane's interviews with national media were focussed largely on the removal of chemical weapons in Syria and the interim agreement concerning Iran's nuclear program. She appeared on the national TV program "Power Politics," and the CBC's popular national radio show, "The Current." She was also interviewed by the principal French-language newspaper, La Presse.

The government meetings were led by Peter Boehm, Associate Deputy Foreign Minister.

Canadians for a Nuclear Weapons Convention wishes to thank High Representative Kane for her great contribution to our work and the courtesy of her visit.