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The Norwegian Nobel Committee
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NOMINATION 2020

– INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAWYERS AGAINST NUCLEAR ARMS

I would like to repeat earlier nominations of IALANA, Peter Weiss and the German branch of IALANA, see <http://www.nobelwill.org/index.html?tab=7#weiss>.

The IALANA lawyers have played a seminal and crucial role in the various efforts to outlaw nuclear weapons for almost three decades.

A prize for the lawyers in 2020 would follow up the Nobel Peace Prize for ICAN, a goal of it would be to encourage more nations to sign on to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, open for signatures since September 2017. According to ICAN the number of signatories has during 2019 increased from 70 to 80 nations and the number of ratifications from 20 to 35 state parties. Another 15 ratifications are needed for the treaty to enter into force.

Please permit me to bring to the attention of the committee the discussion between Fredrik S. Heffermehl and committee member Asle Toje:

<https://morgenbladet.no/ideer/2018/03/stormogulen>
<https://morgenbladet.no/ideer/2018/03/nobels-formal-og-de-utro-tjenere>
<https://www.dagsavisen.no/nyemeninger/hvem-kan-stortinget-velge-1.1205892> :
<https://www.dagsavisen.no/nyemeninger/vet-toje-noe-om-nobels-vilje-1.1218916>

The last article ended with two questions that – despite reminders – remain unanswered:

Jeg har to spørsmål til Toje. Først: Blir det ikke en fri tolkning så lenge man ikke vil sette seg inn i hva Nobel selv ville med prisen? Dernest: Når, hvor og hvordan har Toje vist noen interesse for hva som var Nobels egen idé med fredsprisen?

The committee has to realize and respect that “a dynamic interpretation” must be based on the original meaning/intention of Alfred Nobel signing his will in 1895 to comply with the law.

Sincerely yours,

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