

## Statements by New Zealand's last Minister of Disarmament, Hon. Georgina te Heuheu

Period: Dec. 2008-Dec. 2011

Summary analysis by Mary Wareham:

- \* Te Heuheu served as MDAC for a total of 3 years or 36 mths
- \* As MDAC, she issued total of 31 statements over 36 mths - nearly one statement every month
- \* 1/3rd of all statements focused on nuclear disarmament (11) and another 1/3rd on cluster munitions (10)
- \* The remaining 1/3 of statements focused on general disarmament matters (4), landmines (3), and a democracy forum (2),
- \* After announcing her retirement in May 2011, Beehive website recorded 1 statement by Te Heuheu as MDAC, who took compassionate leave
- \* In 2nd half 2011, John Hayes made statements on MDAC behalf incl. @ events on 11 Aug. and 25 Aug but these were not recorded by Beehive

cluster bombs	landmines	nukes	other	SOURCE: Statements from cache at: <a href="http://web.archive.org/web/20110520100923/http://beehive.govt.nz/portfolio/disarmament-and-arms-control">http://web.archive.org/web/20110520100923/http://beehive.govt.nz/portfolio/disarmament-and-arms-control</a>
10	3	11	7	31 statements total
<b>2011 (3)</b>				
		1		<a href="#">Dec. 7 – “NZ welcomes Indonesian move on nuclear test ban”</a>
			1	<a href="#">May 10 – “te Heuheu to retire from Politics</a>
		1		<a href="#">May 3 – “New Zealand welcomes US move on South Pacific nuclear-free zone” [US President Obama’s decision to seek Senate consent to ratify the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty protocols]</a>
<b>2010 (15)</b>				
		1		<a href="#">Dec. 23 - NZ welcomes US Senate approval of nuclear weapons treaty [START with Russia]</a>
1				<a href="#">Nov 9 – “First Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions” [Statement made in Vientiane, Lao PDR, 9 November 2010]</a>
1				<a href="#">Nov. 9 – “NZ to give \$1.1 million for cluster bomb clearance in Laos”</a>
1				<a href="#">Nov. 5 – “Disarmament Minister to attend Global Summit on Cluster Bombs”</a>
1				<a href="#">Aug. 4 - Entry into Force of the Convention on Cluster Munitions [Reception to Celebrate Entry into Force]</a>
1				<a href="#">Jul. 30 - NZ Welcomes Global Ban on Cluster Bombs [Sunday marks a significant milestone with the international treaty banning cluster bombs coming into force]</a>

- 1 [Jun. 18 - New Zealand to host nuclear non-proliferation meeting \[annual plenary meeting of the Nuclear Suppliers Group in Christchurch next week\]](#)
- 1 [May 29 - Success of NPT Review Conference great news \[completed its work in New York with the adoption of a comprehensive action plan\]](#)
- 1 [May 10 - Strong outcome urged for NPT Review Conference \[push for a strong outcome from the Review Conference presently underway in New York\]](#)
- 1 [May 5 - New Zealand presses for concrete nuclear disarmament progress \[Review Conference of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in New York\]](#)
- 1 [May 4 - NZ applauds Samoan ban on cluster munitions \[Samoa has ratified the Cluster Munitions Convention\]](#)
- 1 [May 4 - New Zealand welcomes US move to ratify Pacific Nuclear-Free Zone \[US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's announcement that the United States will work towards adhering to the South Pacific Nuclear-Free Zone\]](#)
- 1 [Apr. 30 - Strong outcome sought for NPT Review Conference \[Close on the heels of the Prime Minister's recent attendance at the Nuclear Security Summit in Washington DC, New Zealand's top priority at the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference \(NPT\) in New York\]](#)
- 1 [Mar. 5 - New Zealand celebrates 40 years of Nuclear Treaty \[Forty years after its entry into force on 5 March 1970, the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons \(NPT\) remains at the heart of the global nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime\]](#)
- 1 [Feb. 19 - New Zealanders can be proud of role played in cluster bomb ban \[New Zealanders should be proud of the role New Zealand played in the international banning of cluster bombs\]](#)

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**2009 (10)**

- 1 [Dec. 23 - NZ ratifies ban on cluster munitions \[New Zealand has ratified the Cluster Munitions Disarmament Convention\]](#)
- 1 [Dec. 10 - Bill bans cluster munitions \[A Bill implementing New Zealand's obligations under the Convention on Cluster Munitions today received its Third Reading in Parliament\]](#)
- 1 [Dec. 10 - NZ recommits to mine-free world \[New Zealand's objective to free the world of landmines was spelt out in Colombia last week\]](#)
- 1 [Dec. 4 - Statement on landmines \[Second Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, Cartagena de Indias\]](#)
- 1 [Nov. 30 - Global summit focuses on landmines \[te Heuheu leaves today for Cartagena, Colombia to take part in a global summit on landmines\]](#)
- 1 [Jun. 2 - Conference on Disarmament breaks 12-year deadlock \[a significant step forward for global disarmament efforts\]](#)
- 1 [May 24 - National Consultative Committee on Disarmament Conference \[These are exciting times to be Minister for Disarmament and Arms Control\]](#)
- 1 [May 18 - 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION TRUST](#)
- 1 [May 18 - Pacific Development and Conservation Trust turns 20](#)
- 1 [May 4 - Positive environment for nuclear NPT meeting](#)

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**2008 (3)**

- 1 [Dec. 10 - Statement to Bali Democracy Forum \[inaugural meeting of the Bali Democracy Forum\]](#)
- 1 [Dec. 8 - Te Heuheu to attend Bali Democracy Forum \[Disarmament Minister Georgina te Heuheu will discuss building democracy in the Asia region\]](#)
- 1 [Dec. 2 - New Zealand to sign Convention on Cluster Munitions](#)