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The overarching Feminist Foreign Policy (FFP) should be working for peace. We have seen too much spending on our military which while labeled as Defense, is really Offense. A case in point is the purchasing of F35's that are a stealth offensive bomber that would be directed by the Americans as when we were involved in bombing Libya.

Canada has been known since the days of PM Lester Pearson as a Peace Maker Country. We have been involved with the UN and the Blue Helmets but our contribution to this is now minimal and essentially non-existent to the UN Green Helmets. A Feminist Foreign Policy would push to regain this cherished title as a Middle Power in the world.

Canada should be signing and ratifying the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). Its preamble sounds like it was written by PM Trudeau in that it talks about women and children being more sensitive to radiation, talks about victims of radiation (hibakusha) and the environment and its remediation. This TPNW will now make nuclear weapons illegal now that it has been ratified. What side of history will Canada be on? Canada was an important mover of the Land mine treaty, sometimes called the Ottawa Treaty with the work of Lloyd Axworthy, and Land Mines Action Canada. Last month, 56 preeminent people in the world including five Canadians including two previous Liberal Prime Ministers recommended the signing of the TPNW. This should be part of an FFP!

The Fissile Material Cut Off Treaty unfortunately has gone nowhere and also only addresses the material that is under the direction of the Int'l Atomic Energy Agency that monitors a fraction of the fissile material that has been produced and is not monitored. Canada should continue its efforts on this but realizing that the TPNW will now be Int'l law and as such, Canada needs to sign and ratify it.

A FFP would push for Canada to get NATO to dismiss its doctrine of deterrence that doesn't work and is dangerous. Deterrence doesn't work against accidents, miscalculations or terrorists. Was North Korea deterred when it attacked the South, an umbrella country of the USA that had just detonated nuclear bombs over Hiroshima and Nagasaki? Was Argentina deterred in attacking nuclear Great Britain over the Falklands? Nuclear weapons are immoral, indiscriminate against civilians, destroy the environment and their effects persist over years. Now they are illegal because of the TPNW. A nuclear war can never be won and should never be fought. Fighting with nuclear weapons would result in Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD) and is therefore suicide. Canada sent its American nuclear weapons back to the US (Bomarc and Genie) and has stayed in NATO. Greece and Great Britain sent their American nuclear weapons back to the US. Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Italy and Turkey need to do the same.

A FFP would close down CANSEC annual trade fair of military weapons in Ottawa. This is not consistent with working for peace. We are selling Light Armoured Vehicles to Saudi Arabia, a known severe violator of Human Rights and women's rights, that is arming these vehicles to

fight in Yemen. Canada has produced drones that were used recently by Turkey in fighting the Armenians. This is totally not appropriate for a FFP!

A FFP would stress dialogue over military intervention. As such it would push for the reopening of our embassies in Iran, Nicaragua, North Korea. It is not proper that when Canadians get into difficulty in such countries, we have to go through an intermediary country that does have embassies there.

A FFP would not put up sanctions on other countries that hurt the average citizen. Governments look after themselves before they look after their citizens.

Canada should be spending more on foreign aid, at least 0.7% GNI (currently 0.26%) as established by the UN General Assembly.

By having a FFP, Canada would have got that seat on the Security Council.