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**Senator SINGH** (Tasmania) (15:58): I, and also on behalf of Senator Ludlam, move:

That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) there are close to 15 000 nuclear weapons in the world today, posing a grave threat to all humanity,

(ii) nuclear weapons remain the only weapons of mass destruction not yet expressly prohibited under international law,

(iii) the United Nations (UN) will convene a conference from 27 to 31 March 2017 and 15 June to 7 July 2017 to negotiate a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination,

(iv) the UN General Assembly has encouraged all UN member states to participate in the conference, and

(v) Australia, as a state party to the Non-Proliferation Treaty, is legally required to pursue negotiations in good faith for nuclear disarmament; and

(b) urges the Australian Government to participate constructively in the conference.