

Anti-War @ Laurier

ANTI-WAR AT LAURIER (AW@L) DISTRIBUTES ICBUW REPORT AND ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN AGAINST SCOTIABANK

WATERLOO - Anti-War At Laurier (AW@L) today was selected as the sole local distributors of a major report by The International Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons (ICBUW). Entitled "Too Risky For Business: Financial Institutions and Uranium Weapons", the report details the danger of Depleted Uranium (DU) weaponry and reveals the link between major financial institutions and the producers of depleted uranium weapons.

Human rights and environmental organizations, as well as military personnel unions around the world, agree that the use and effects of uranium weapons breach principles of international environmental, humanitarian and human rights laws. There is a growing body of medical research, including evidence discovered by the Uranium Medical Research Centre, which has shown that DU causes cancer, birth defects, "irreparable genetic damage," and other serious health problems with especially gruesome and pronounced consequences for children and the unborn.

On the heels of the ICBUW report, and acting in solidarity with groups and campaigns around the world, AW@L announced today a campaign which recognizes Scotiabank as a significant financial supporter of DU production. Mark Ciesluk from AW@L describes the campaign: "This report unfortunately proves that Scotiabank is directly invested in DU weapons production. DU is the Agent Orange of our time, and I believe that if Canadians knew about Scotiabank's involvement in its manufacture and use, they would be seriously disappointed." AW@L has delivered a letter addressed to Mr. Richard E. Waugh, President and CEO of Scotiabank, calling for an immediate cessation of its unethical investment in the production of DU weapons.

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