Nuclear disarmament rep’s visit a good time to flex Canadian foreign policy muscle

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EDMONTON—In a world that seems every week to be further jetisoning international law on global security as ugly national populism rises, is there any hope for the elimination of nuclear weapons? Or is nuclear disarmament a mirage, its wispy allure always over an ever-clouding horizon?

Well, perhaps the same question could have been put to those courageous souls who started the campaigns against slavery, against colonialism, against apartheid. It took years and years before the critical mass of public opinion turned against these evils, thereby making political action a necessity. We are now witnessing the power of such a transformation moment with the issue of climate change.

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