



Robin Collins has been active in many civil society organizations as a board or committee member since the early 1990s.

Robin was a steering committee member, then board Chair, of **Mines Action Canada (MAC)** ~1996-2003, Canada's anti-personnel mine ban coalition. While there he was the initiator of a humanitarian demining technology competition for post-secondary engineering students. He was lead author of MAC's position paper on cluster bombs (2001) and helped develop MAC coalition's leadership within the new cluster munitions campaign. He was also involved in the development of the "legal letter" developed to oppose Canada's flawed cluster munition treaty (CCM) implementation legislation. He has published articles on cluster munitions in the *Journal of Mine Action* and *Ploughshares Monitor*.

He is a past Chair of the working group on peace and security of **The Group of 78** and was co-lead author (with Peggy Mason) of the [Shift to Common Security and Sustainable Peace](#), a contribution to Canada's defence policy review in 2016. It was supported by many of Canada's leading civil society peace and disarmament groups. He helped organize G78 policy conferences, "Getting to Nuclear Zero: Building Common Security for a Post-MAD World" (2018) and "The Future of Peacekeeping in the Transition to a More Peaceful World" (2020).

While on the Board of the **World Federalist Movement - Canada**, he advocated for a UN Emergency Peace Service. A defence of UNEPS was published in *Global Policy Journal* (2013), ["Shouldn't UNEPS Advocacy Be Front and Centre?"](#) He has published several articles in the world federalist journal *Mondial*, including on fissile material, nuclear weapons issues, and on the Libya intervention, among other topics. He published a defence of UN Peacekeeping,

coauthored with then-WFMC President Walter Dorn, in *International Journal* (2020), ["Peacekeeping Works: The UN Can Help End Civil Wars"](#)

He is on the steering committee of the **Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons**, a grouping of 17 civil society organizations focussed on nuclear weapons abolition and non-proliferation policy. He has co-authored articles on nuclear disarmament and the Ukraine conflict, published as Co-Chair of the network, in *The Hill Times*.

Collins is a Board Member of the **Rideau Institute**, and Secretary of **Canadian Pugwash Group**. CPG is devoted to nuclear weapons abolition and broader foreign policy and global existential threats, including war, and climate change.

He is a regular contributor of book reviews to *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* journal, primarily covering climate issues and natural science. He is retired after working in technology companies for over 40 years, and married, with two grown sons.

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