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## **NFB documentary justifies Barack Obama's Nobel Peace Prize**

Growing instability in nuclear armed Pakistan, nuclear weapons programs in Iran, North Korea and other volatile regions, puts the threat of nuclear war at the forefront of the international agenda. This reality underscores President Obama's elevated concern and strong commitment to the vision of "a world without nuclear weapons". We all need to learn more about this cataclysmic threat. As the most recent recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, Barack Obama joins a distinguished company of others who have sought to avert war and achieve peace. In 1995 this prize was awarded to the Pugwash movement and its president, Sir Joseph Rotblat.

A new documentary from the National Film Board of Canada, **The Strangest Dream**, presents a detailed and insightful portrait of nuclear physicist Joseph Rotblat and the times and circumstances that shaped his ideas. Concerned with the moral consequences of producing nuclear weapons, even in grave wartime circumstances, Rotblat became the only member of the Manhattan Project ever to leave Los Alamos on moral grounds. Featuring interviews with contemporaries of Joseph Rotblat and members of the Pugwash movement, *The Strangest Dream* demonstrates the continuing threat of nuclear weapons, while encouraging hope through the example of morally engaged scientists and citizens. This is especially important for Canadians given our strategic position in relation to nuclear energy.

***The Strangest Dream*: Thursday, November 12, 7.30pm**

**Southshore Community Centre, 205 Lakeshore Drive, Barrie**

**Free Admission**

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After the screening, **Dr. Patrick Boyer, Q.C.** will engage the Barrie audience in a question and answer period with special guest, **Professor Sergei Plekhanov**, former close advisor to President Mikail Gorbachev and current secretary of the Canadian Pugwash Group. **Dr. Boyer** became a member of the Pugwash Group in 1994 at the invitation of Sir Joseph Rotblat and was involved in the filming, production and on-camera interviews for this documentary.

*"This documentary is a worthy tribute to a heroic humanitarian and a powerful warning to us all to abolish nuclear weapons or face the ultimate global warming – nuclear holocaust."*

Senator Romeo Dallaire