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15:00 – 17:00

UN Geneva,  
Cinema Room XIV  
(Kazakh Room)

# Chain Reaction 2016

**Global actions for nuclear abolition and sustainable development**  
Commemoration event for the  
International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

## PROGRAM

**VIDEO:** Chain Reaction 2016

### SPEAKERS:

- **Mr Michael Møller**, Director-General of the United Nations Office in Geneva (tbc)
- **H.E. Mr Thani Thongphakdi**, Chair of the UN Open Ended Working Group on Taking Forward Multilateral Nuclear Disarmament Negotiations
- **Ms Ela Gandhi**, Co-President of Religions for Peace, Grand-daughter of Mahatma Gandhi, President of the Gandhi Development Trust
- **Ms Anda Filip**, Director for Member Parliaments and External Relations, Inter-Parliamentary Union
- **Mr Jan Hoekema**, Mayor of Wassenaar (Netherlands), Mayors for Peace
- **Mr Colin Archer**, Secretary-General of International Peace Bureau
- **H.E. Ms. Zhanar Aitzhanova**, Ambassador of Kazakhstan to the UN in Geneva (tbc)
- **Mr León Pablo Avilés**, Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the UN in Geneva

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** Mr Michael Møller, representing the UN in Geneva, will be presented with the declaration **Astana Vision: From a Radioactive Haze to a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World** which was adopted in Astana on August 29, 2016, the International Day Against Nuclear Tests.

### International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

Established in 2013 by UN General Assembly Resolution 68/32, the day provides an occasion for the world community to reaffirm its commitment to global nuclear disarmament as a high priority. It provides an opportunity to educate the public – and their leaders – about the real benefits of eliminating such weapons, and the social and economic costs of perpetuating them. Indeed, the \$100 billion spent annually on nuclear weapons is sorely needed to help finance the Sustainable Development Goals. The 2013 and 2014 commemoration events at the Palais des Nations in Geneva were organised by UNFOLD ZERO.

### Chain Reaction 2016

Chain Reaction 2016 was initiated by UNFOLD ZERO to highlight the breadth and depth of civil society actions around the world supporting the achievement of a nuclear-weapon-free world. It is running from July 8, 2016 (the 20th anniversary of the International Court of Justice case on the illegality of nuclear weapons) until October 2, the International Day of Nonviolence. Any civil society event or action can be posted on the Chain Reaction website and social media, as long as it is respectful and non-violent.

Sponsored by UNFOLD ZERO, UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva) and the Permanent Missions of Ecuador and Kazakhstan to the UN  
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