

International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

UN commemoration event

Kazakh Room (Cinema Room XIV), Palais des Nations

September 25, 2014. 16:00 – 17:30 (followed by refreshments)

Organised by UNFOLD ZERO and the Basel Peace Office

Host: UN Office of Disarmament Affairs

Chair: H.E. Michael Moller, Director General of the UN in Geneva

Speakers:

- * Representative of the United Nations Office of Disarmament Affairs – Geneva
- * H.E. Triyono Wibowo, Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the UN
- * H.E. Mukhtar Tileuberdi, Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the UN
- * H.E. Jorge Lomónaco, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the UN (invited)
- * Anda Filip, Inter Parliamentary Union * Aaron Tovish, Mayors for Peace * Jana Jedlickova, UNFOLD ZERO

Film preview: [The Man who saved the World](#)

Description

September 26 is the first International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. It was established by UN General Assembly Resolution 68/32 introduced by the Non-Aligned Movement. The aim of the day is to enhance 'public awareness and education about the threat posed to humanity by nuclear weapons and the necessity for their total elimination, in order to mobilize international efforts towards achieving the common goal of a nuclear-weapon-free world.' The day is supported by UNFOLD ZERO, which was launched at the United Nations in New York on 7 May 2014 by a coalition of NGOs with the participation of UNODA.

UNFOLD ZERO will provide a platform for governments, parliaments, cities and civil society to post announcements, photos and reports of actions and events to commemorate this day. Already the Inter Parliamentary Union and the US Conference of Mayors have adopted resolutions supporting the International Day. PNND will use the occasion to launch an initiative to have 50 parliaments adopt motions, resolutions or statements supporting the International Day by the next observance in 2015. The event will also include a preview excerpt of *The Man Who Saved the World*, a documentary to be released at the Woodstock Film Festival in October 2014, about an incident on Sep 26, 1983 in which we nearly had a nuclear weapons exchange. The documentary features Hollywood stars and disarmament experts interviewing Stanislav Petrov, a lieutenant colonel of the Soviet Air Defence Forces who possibly saved the world from nuclear annihilation.

Co-sponsoring governments: Permanent Missions of Indonesia, Kazakhstan and New Zealand

Co-sponsoring international organisations: Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL),

Co-sponsoring NGOs: 2020 Action, Africa's Development and the Threat Of Weapons Of Mass Destruction Project, African Parliamentarian Network for a Climate Community in West and Central Africa, Aotearoa Lawyers for Peace, Arrêtez La Bombe, the ATOM Project, Ban All Nukes generation (BANG), Blue Banner, Canadian Pugwash, EarthAction, Center for Development of International Law, Eradicating Ecocide Global Initiative, Frauen für den Frieden (Women for Peace), Friedenswerkstatt Mutlangen e.V., Global Alliance for Ministries and Infrastructures for Peace, Global Security Institute, Green Cross, Hague Appeal for Peace, Helen Caldicott Foundation, Human Survival Project, Institute for Security Studies (South Africa), International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms, International Association of Peace Messenger Cities, International Fellowship of Reconciliation, International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility, International Peace Bureau, Japan Council against A and H Bombs (Gensuikyo), L'Observatoire des Armements, The Jennifer Simons Foundation, Lawyers' Committee on Nuclear Policy, Making Peace, Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign, National Peace Academy (USA), Nei til atomvapen (No to nuclear arms), New Zealand Peace Foundation, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, NGO Committee for Disarmament (Geneva), NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace and Security (New York), Norge Fredsråd, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (PNND), Peace Action, Pax Christi International, Physicians for Social Responsibility Switzerland (IPPNW Schweiz), PragueVision, Pugwash Denmark, Quaker Peace and Service (Aotearoa-New Zealand), Religions for Peace, Risho Kosei-kai, Scottish Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Soka Gakkai International, swisspeace, UK and Ireland Nuclear Free Local Authorities, United Nations Association (NZ), United Religions Initiative, Uniting for Peace, Universal Models for Peace, World Academy of Art and Science, World Evangelical Alliance, World Federalist Movement, World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA), World Future Council, World without Wars and Violence, Youth Future Project.

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