

Sample parliamentary statement to support the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons – September 26

We, Members of the Parliament of [], express concern at the dangers posed by the 16,300 nuclear weapons maintained by the nuclear weapons possessors, and by the threat of proliferation of nuclear weapons to other States or to non-State actors.

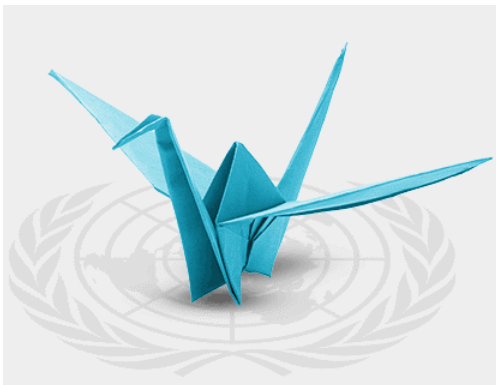
We highlight the risk that these weapons could be used by accident, miscalculation or intent – especially in times of heightened conflict. We note that any use of nuclear weapons by a State or non-State actor would cause catastrophic consequences to human health, society and the environment, and would violate international humanitarian law

We therefore welcome the decision of the United Nations to establish September 26 as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. We support the aim of the day to enhance public awareness and education about the threat posed to humanity by nuclear weapons and the necessity for their total elimination.

We encourage parliaments and parliamentarians around the world to join with civil society, the United Nations and governments to observe this day annually and to act for the achievement of a nuclear-weapon-free world.

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The International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons was established by United Nations General Assembly resolution 68/32.

It has been supported by a unanimous resolution of the 130th Assembly of the Inter Parliamentary Union (164 member parliaments).

The day is being promoted globally by UNFOLD ZERO, a new platform to advance UN initiatives for nuclear disarmament.

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