



## Role of nuclear weapons in security doctrines

*Intervention to the Open Ended Working Group*

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Thank you Mr Chair.

UNFOLD ZERO would like to make an intervention regarding the role of nuclear weapons in security doctrines.

We have listened to, and we understand, the positions of nuclear reliant states regarding the roles that nuclear weapons continue to play in their national security.

On the other hand, the humanitarian imperative to eliminate nuclear weapons, along with the legal obligation to do so, compels the nuclear reliant states to rescind nuclear deterrence, or replace it with non-nuclear forms of security.

We are heartened that virtually all of the parliaments of the world agreed in March 2014, through a consensus resolution at the Inter Parliamentary Union Assembly, to work with their governments to eliminate the role of nuclear weapons in security doctrines.

In the February session of the OEWG, UNFOLD ZERO made an intervention encouraging the nuclear-reliant states to examine and implement security policies relying more deeply on common security approaches and mechanisms in order to eliminate the role of nuclear weapons and to provide better protection against the threat or use of force. These include the approaches outlined in the United Nations Charter for diplomacy, mediation, negotiation, arbitration, adjudication and use of regional bodies.

**We ask the nuclear-reliant States – what measures are you taking to eliminate the role of nuclear weapons in your security doctrines?**

For the May session of the OEWG, UNFOLD ZERO launched the #LetsTalkNukes platform for people around the world to talk about nuclear disarmament and to ask questions about what you – their representatives at the United Nations – are doing to eliminate nuclear weapons. Many of you have already seen their questions and comments on twitter. We hope that you will enter into dialogue with them, just as you have entered into dialogue with each other here in the OEWG.

Finally, we wish to remind you of the side-event at lunch-time today in the Council Chamber entitled '*Global support and political will for the OEWG and nuclear disarmament*'. UNFOLD ZERO has invited a number of the key networks and campaigns to present snap-shots of their actions demonstrating global support for nuclear abolition. There will also be some ideas on increasing political will. And there will be free sandwiches. We hope that you can join us for the event.

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