



International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

26 September

Press information

In resolution A/RES/68/32, the General Assembly followed up on its first ever high-level meeting on nuclear disarmament, which was held on 26 September 2013 in New York.

The resolution calls for the “urgent commencement of negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament of a comprehensive convention on nuclear weapons to prohibit their possession, development, production, acquisition, testing, stockpiling, transfer and use or threat of use, and to provide for their destruction.”



Further, the General Assembly declared 26 September as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. This is the latest in a series of efforts by the General Assembly to raise public awareness and to seek deeper engagement on nuclear disarmament matters. In 2010, the General Assembly had declared 29 August as the International Day against Nuclear Tests (resolution 64/35).

On 26 September 2014, the United Nations will mark the first observance of the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. Pursuant to the resolution, Member States, the United Nations system and civil society, including non-governmental organizations, academia, parliamentarians, the mass media and individuals are encouraged to commemorate and promote the International Day through enhancing public awareness and education about the threat posed to humanity by nuclear weapons and the necessity for their total elimination.

To observe the International Day, the United Nations is supporting events both in New York and Geneva. United Nations Information Centres around the world are encouraged to raise awareness to the observance of International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons.