

UNFOLD ZERO

2020 Report to the Abolition 2000 AGM

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UNFOLD ZERO is a platform for United Nations (UN) focused initiatives and actions for the achievement of a nuclear weapons free world.

UNFOLD ZERO aims to unfold the path to zero nuclear weapons through effective steps and measures facilitated by the UN General Assembly, UN Security Council, UN Secretary-General and other UN bodies.

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UNGA Resolution 1 (1)

UNFOLD Zero promotes civil society and government action to commemorate and implement the first resolution of the UN General Assembly which was adopted by consensus and called for the elimination of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction.

In 2019, seven French organizations released a [joint statement](#) commemorating the [73rd anniversary](#) of the UNGA first resolution and called on the leaders of France and other nuclear armed States to *'put an end to this absurd and suicidal nuclear arms race by finally committing to the path of general, progressive and controlled nuclear disarmament.'*

“Nuclear weapon is the accepted end of humanity”

Theodore Monod, French scientist and humanist. Quoted in the joint statement of French organizations

UN Day Against Nuclear Tests, August 29

UNFOLD ZERO and Basel Peace Office organized a roundtable diplomatic event at the United Nations in Geneva on September 2, 2019 in commemoration of the [International Day Against Nuclear Tests](#). The event focused on nuclear-weapon-free zones as a way to achieve regional security without reliance on nuclear weapons. Government representatives from 40 countries, including some nuclear armed and allied States, participated along with UN officials and civil society experts.

UNFOLD ZERO also promoted the ATOM Project minute of silence on the International Day to honour those impacted by nuclear tests.

UN Secretary-General's Disarmament Agenda

UNFOLD ZERO supports and promotes the [UNSG Disarmament Agenda](#). On May 24, 2019, the first anniversary of the report's release, UNFOLD ZERO promoted the UNSG's video message highlighting the importance of disarmament, in particular nuclear disarmament. UNFOLD ZERO also promoted the [Joint Letter from Women's Organizations calling on President Trump, President Moon and Chairman Kim to End the Korean War](#).

Global week of action on peace, climate, SDGs and nuclear abolition

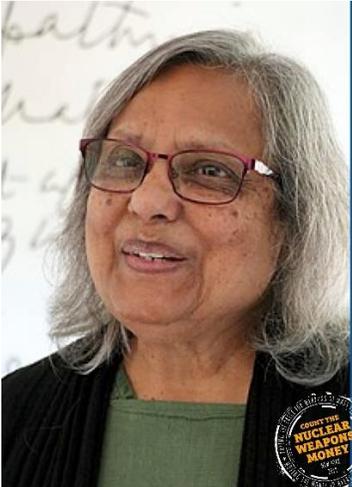
At its 2019 Annual Meeting, Abolition 2000 established a [working group to advance this Global Week of Action](#) to include UN Day for Peace (Sep 21), UN High Level events on climate and sustainable development (Sep 22-25) and the International Day for the total elimination of nuclear weapons. UNFOLD ZERO worked with Abolition to promote the week through blogs, outreach and events.



A delegation from UNFOLD ZERO and Abolition 2000 meet with Maria Fernanda Espinosa, President of the UN General Assembly, to discuss connections between climate, peace and nuclear abolition – and the promotion of the Global Week of Action

UN Day of Nonviolence

The [UN Day of Non-violence](#) is Oct 2, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi. **UNFOLD ZERO** commemorated the day by promoting the UN Secretary-General’s message for the day, and releasing memes from Ela Gandhi (grand-daughter of Mahatma Gandhi) and Michael Beer (Director of Non-Violence international) on on-violence and nuclear disarmament.



“**P**revention is better than cure. In line with this quote instead of investing in a **u**seless and **h**armful exercise such as the production of **n**uclear weapons, if we divert the spending of that money on improving the **c**onditions of life of millions of people around the world we **r**educe the **r**isk of a **w**ar and we spread **h**appiness and **c**ontentment which will then result in a **s**af**e**r more **b**eautiful world for all.”

- Ela Gandhi, Founder of the Gandhi Development Trust; Grand-daughter of Mohandas Gandhi



UN, peace and COVID-19

UNFOLD ZERO has been very active in 2020 on COVID-19, the UN, peace and disarmament. This includes promotion of the UN Secretary-General's initiative for a global ceasefire and blog articles including:

- [Human Security and the United Nations are vital to address the pandemic;](#)
- [UN Secretary-General urges global ceasefire to enable management of coronavirus pandemic;](#)
- [Coronavirus, armed conflict and children: African youth urge support for UN ceasefire call.](#)



Divina Maloum, UNFOLD ZERO featured activist and co-winner with Greta Thunberg of the 2019 International Children's Peace Prize

UN Day of Diplomacy and Multilateralism for Peace

UNFOLD ZERO promoted the UN Day of Diplomacy and Multilateralism for Peace (April 24), and encouraged campaigners to take action on this day to

- a) Endorse the [Abolition 2000 EarthDay statement](#) (which promotes diplomacy and peace);
- b) Encourage their government to accept the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice (if they have not already done so);
- c) Take the *Cooperative Security Survey*, established by the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) to ascertain peoples your thoughts on how to advance diplomacy and achieve security, in the new political environment arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- d) Support the UN Secretary-General's initiative for a global ceasefire

UNFOLD ZERO News

[UNFOLD ZERO News](#) is an electronic newsletter that goes to a mailing list of 3000 subscribers. UNFOLD ZERO produced 16 editions in 2019 and 7 so far in 2020.