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About UNFOLD ZERO

UNFOLD ZERO is a coalition and platform for United Nations (UN) focused initiatives and actions for the achievement of a nuclear-weapons-free world. **UNFOLD ZERO** organizes peace and disarmament projects, events, appeals and actions relating to nuclear disarmament in the UN General Assembly, Human Rights Council, International Court of Justice, Security Council, treaty-bodies hosted by the UN and UN commemorative days.

Common Security and nuclear abolition

In January 2023, **UNFOLD ZERO** launched the [Common Security platform](#) which describes common security, provides examples of common security approaches and mechanisms, and gives links to common security appeals and resources.

UNFOLD ZERO followed this up with a number of common security events, articles and appeals organized with our partners in 2023 including:

- [Common Security, Nuclear Risk-Reduction and the UN Summit of the Future](#) (at the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in Vancouver)
- [The Promise of Peace and Nuclear Abolition: Has large power aggression destroyed Common Security?](#) published in CADMUS, Volume 5, No.2, June 2023;
- [Common Security v. Nuclear Weapons: How to replace the current reliance on nuclear deterrence with sustainable security for all](#), a joint statement endorsed by 170 organizations and presented to the NPT Prep Com in August.

UN Summit of the Future, Sep 22-23, 2024

UNFOLD ZERO hosted the [Peace and International Security civil society consultations](#) for the UN Summit of the Future which took place in February and March, 2023 as part of the broader civil society consultations organized by the Coalition for the UN we Need. 40 proposals were discussed out of which 5 were chosen to be included in the [People's Pact for the Future](#), a key civil society advocacy document for the Summit of the Future. We also engaged in the UN/civil-society consultations hosted by the Member State facilitators for the Summit. This included us making both oral and written proposals for the *Zero-Draft of the Pact for the Future* and the *Draft Declaration on Future Generations*.

Legal Alternatives to War – LAW not War

In October, **UNFOLD ZERO** joined with the World Federalist Movement and Citizens for Global Solutions to launch Legal Alternatives to War – [LAW not War](#), a new global campaign to enhance the jurisdiction and use of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in order to assist countries resolve international disputes peacefully rather than through recourse to the threat or use of force. Speakers at our launch event included one former ICJ judge, two candidates for the ICJ (both of whom were elected as judges two weeks later) and other experts.

The campaign is gaining a lot of traction due to the increased public interest in the ICJ arising from the current Genocide cases and the Climate Change case. To-date 85 organizations have joined LAW not War, and we have circulated five LAW not War E-newsletters using the UNFOLD ZERO newsletter platform. The first meeting of the participating organizations will be on February 20.

Peace-Climate-Nuclear Disarmament Nexus

UNFOLD ZERO, in cooperation with its partners, promotes the *Peace-Climate-Nuclear Disarmament Nexus*. In 2023 this included , promotion of the ICJ case on climate change, intergenerational dialogues on July 13 and 20 on [Finding Hope in the Climate – Peace – Disarmament Nexus](#), an [International Parliamentary event on The Peace, Climate Change and Disarmament Nexus](#) in November and promotion of the Protect People and the Planet Appeal.

Protect People and the Planet Appeal

UNFOLD ZERO hosts and promotes the [Protect People and the Planet Appeal for a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World](#) which calls for policies to prevent nuclear war (such as no-first-use), a commitment to eliminate nuclear weapons globally no later than 2045, and immediate cuts to nuclear weapons budgets/investments and re-purposing of these to support peace, climate protection and sustainable development.



Protect People and the Planet: Appeal for a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World

The appeal was presented to the UN General Assembly in October 2022 and will be presented to the UN Summit of the Future in September 2024.

UNFOLD ZERO partners

UNFOLD ZERO was established by Abolition 2000, Aotearoa Lawyers for Peace, Basel Peace Office, Global Security Institute, Mayors for Peace, PNND, PragueVision, World Future Council and the World Federalist Movement.