

17 September 2015

Excellency,

In its resolution 68/32, the General Assembly declared 26 September as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons devoted to furthering this objective, including through enhancing public awareness and education about the threat posed to humanity by nuclear weapons and the necessity for their total elimination, in order to mobilize international efforts towards the common goal of a nuclear-weapon-free-world.

Subsequently, the Assembly by its resolution 69/58 requested the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly to make all necessary arrangements to commemorate and promote the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, including by convening an annual meeting of the Assembly.

To that end, I wish to invite Member States to mark this International Day in a meeting on 30 September 2015 from 11:00 to 14:00, in Conference Room 1. Member States are encouraged to be represented at the ministerial level. A copy of the provisional programme for the event is attached. Representatives of the United Nations system, civil society, academia, the mass media and individuals will also participate.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Mogens Lykketoft

All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations New York

General Assembly Meeting to commemorate the "International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons" 30 September 2015

Conference Room 1

Provisional Programme

11:00 - 11:20	Opening
	- Statement by H.E. Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, President o the General Assembly
	- Statement by H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary- General of the United Nations
11:20 - 14:00	- Statements by Member States ¹
	- Remarks by representatives of non-governmental organizations

¹ Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for the commemorative event are kindly requested to contact Ms. Lucia Andaya (e-mail <u>andaya@un.org</u>). Delegations are reminded that statements should be limited to four minutes.