



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

16 September, 2014

Excellency

In December, 2013, the General Assembly adopted a resolution 68/32, declaring 26 September as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. The Day was instituted to highlight the importance of 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.

In this regard, I wish to invite Member States to a commemorative meeting at the Ministerial level to mark the Day under the overall theme "Commemoration of the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons." Representatives of the UN system, civil society, academia, the mass media and individuals will also participate.

This Commemorative meeting, which is convened in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of Indonesia on behalf of Non-Alignment Movement, will take place on 26th September, 2014 from 10:30 to 13:00, in the Trusteeship Council. A copy of the Concept note for the event is attached.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam K. Kutesa".

Sam K. Kutesa

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
NEW YORK

Concept Note

General Assembly Informal Ministerial Plenary Meeting to Commemorate the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons New York, 26 September 2014

On 5 December 2013, the General Assembly adopted resolution 68/32, entitled “Follow-up to the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament”, containing concrete steps to be taken by UN Member States in order to realize the ultimate goal of the total elimination of nuclear weapons. This resolution, initiated by the 120 Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement, among others declared the 26th of September as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, devoted to 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 achieving the common goal of a nuclear-weapon-free world.

A General Assembly Informal Ministerial Plenary Meeting to commemorate this International Day for the first time will be held on **26 September 2014 from 10.30 to 13.00 at the Trusteeship Council Chamber**, during the high-level segment of the General Assembly.

The tentative agenda for this meeting, is as follows:

1. Opening by the President of the General Assembly (invited)
2. Message from the Secretary-General (invited)
3. Remarks by Member States
4. Remarks by representatives of Non-Governmental Organizations
5. Closing

Due to the time limitations, a limited list of speakers will be opened for Member States until the 23rd of September 2014, on a first-come, first-served and protocolar basis. Each delivered statement must be no longer than 4 (four) minutes. All unread statements will be posted on the UN website specifically dedicated for the International Day of the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons (<http://www.un.org/en/events/nuclearweaponeelimination/>)

The meeting will be open to all diplomats, think-tanks, the academic community, civil society and the media. Delegations who wish to deliver a statement in the meeting are requested to send a note verbale expressing their intent, to the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, in their capacity as the co-organizer of this event.

Any further inquiries about the event can be addressed to Mr. Anindityo Adi Primasto from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia (anindityo.primasto@kemlu.go.id, tel: 1-212-972-8333, ext, 3261).