

UN negotiations to prohibit nuclear weapons starts next week

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The first negotiating session to negotiate a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons will take place at the United Nations in New York on 27 March 2017.

In December 2016, the UN General Assembly decided - by a vote of 113 in favour, 35 against, and 58 abstentions - to launch negotiations to negotiate a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons.

Impact of the treaty on nuclear-armed and allied States

Even if no nuclear-armed or allied States join the nuclear prohibition treaty, it could impact on the nuclear arms race.

The treaty could, for example, affirm that the use and threat of use of nuclear weapons are a crime against humanity.

Move the nuclear weapons money

The treaty could also prohibit the financing of nuclear weapons, including by banks and public funds.

Such action could hit at the heart of one of the most powerful drivers of the nuclear arms race.

UNFOLD ZERO has joined with Basel Legal Officer and Chair of the International Commission on the Financing of Nuclear Weapons.

