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74 Years of Nuclear Disarmament and the Contribution of Youth beyond 2020

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Friday, 24 January 2020, UNHQ S-2726 & S-2727

Since its establishment, the United Nations has been seeking to eliminate all weapons of mass destruction, especially the deadliest and most indiscriminate – nuclear weapons. On 24 January 1946, 74 years ago, the [UN General Assembly's adopted its first resolution](#), which established the goal of eliminating all nuclear weapons and other weapons “adaptable to mass destruction”.

Much has been accomplished during the past 74 years to realize this goal. However, much more can be done through meaningful and inclusive participation and empowerment of youth in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation. The important and positive contribution that young people can make in sustaining peace and security was reaffirmed by the UN General Assembly through its new resolution entitled, “[Youth, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control](#)” adopted on 12 December 2019.

Nuclear weapons remain an apocalyptic threat. The Secretary-General of the United Nations continues to use every opportunity to raise global awareness as to the dangers and true costs of nuclear weapons. Many believe that the humanitarian consequences from the use of nuclear weapons is reason enough to abolish them.

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) in partnership with the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea, invites youth to an event that captures the disarmament milestones and discusses how disarmament can contribute to saving humanity and achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals. **Networking session over light lunch will follow the event.**

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Opening Remarks

- Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs
- H.E. Mr. Cho Hyun, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the UN

Speakers

- Mr. Christopher King, Deputy Chief, Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Branch, UNODA
- Ms. Tracy Brown, Acting Director and Liaison/Public Information Officer, IAEA
- Mr. Ethan A. Klein, PhD Student, Department of Nuclear Science and Engineering, MIT
- Mr. José Rosemberg, Senior Liaison Officer, CTBTO PrepCom
- Ms. Veronique Christory, Senior Arms Control Adviser, ICRC
- Ms. Crystal Isidor, Pace University '20 & Head Delegate, Model United Nations