

## Unfolding the path to a nuclear-weapon-free world

Intervention to the Open Ended Working Group – Monday 22 February

UNFOLD ZERO thanks all delegations – government and civil society – who are participating in the Open Ended Working Group.

This morning as you arrived for the first OEWG meeting, we were honoured to present you individually with gifts of origami cranes.

The crane is a beautiful bird, and the origami crane is a symbol from Japan for peace, health and a long life. It has been transformed into a global message from young people paying respect to those who were victims of the nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki – and a call from youth for a nuclear weapon free world.

UNFOLD ZERO has a message for you inside the crane. We invite you to unfold the crane to read the message and then refold into the crane. This is quite a tricky task — much like the task of achieving a nuclear-weapon-free world. However, we encourage you to persevere in both tasks — and to seek the help of civil society if you are running into difficulties.

We thank you and we look forward to cooperating with you to unfold the path to a nuclear-weapon-free world.

