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Mr Chairman,

As civil society we are grateful for the possiblity that has been granted to us to speak at this open ended working group on nuclear disarmament. We could express our fear of the use of nuclear weapons and the risk of annihilation of humanity.

We do not feel protected by those weapons and as civil society we rely more on civilian defense, civil disobedience, non cooperation and non violent conflict resolution. This is for us an alternative to military means to solve conflicts. We look for peaceful means and as Mr Paul Ingram has pointed out we try to understand the opponents with non violent communication and we are more confident in dialogue with the adversaries to find a solution to our differences. War is not a solution and nuclear weapons even less.

We like to support all governments that take a strong position for the prohibition of use and elimination of nuclear weapons. A ban treaty will open the way to international cooperation.

Thanks