

Nuclear weapons should be completely prohibited: Xi Jinping at UN

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United Nations: Chinese President Xi Jinping has called for a world without nuclear weapons, saying "nations should strive for a world where nuclear weapons are prohibited and where existing stocks are destroyed".

File pic - Chinese President Xi Jinping

"Nuclear weapons should be completely prohibited and destroyed over time to make the world free of nuclear weapons," the Chinese President said in a speech at the United Nations on Wednesday.

Making a robust case for a global governance system based on equality among nations, he said, "We should reject dominance by just one or several countries."

He added that "major powers should respect each other's core interests".

"Big countries should treat smaller countries as equals instead of acting as a hegemon imposing their will on others," he said.

In his disarmament call and plea for sovereign equality, Xi offered China as a nation "committed to building a world of lasting peace".

The remarks come at the end of a four-day diplomatic tour across Switzerland that included a landmark address at the ongoing World Economic Forum in Davos.

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