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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives of Member States and to the Permanent Observers of non-Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

In its relevant part, Article 8, paragraph 2, of the Treaty states that “[M]eetings of States Parties shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on a biennial basis, unless otherwise agreed by the States Parties”. Article 8, paragraph 5, of the Treaty states, inter alia, that States not party to the Treaty, as well as the relevant entities of the United Nations system, other relevant international organizations or institutions, regional organizations, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and relevant non-governmental organizations, “shall be invited to attend the meetings of States Parties [...] as observers”.

The first Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty decided, at its 6th plenary meeting on 23 June 2022, that “the second Meeting would be held during the period of 27 November to 1 December 2023 at United Nations Headquarters in New York” (see *TPNW/MSP/2022/6, para. 27*). The United Nations General Assembly, in operative paragraph 9 of its resolution 77/54, of 7 December 2022, “[c]onfirm[ed] that the second Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 27 November to 1 December 2023”. In operative paragraph 10 of that same resolution, the General Assembly “[r]equest[ed] the Secretary-General to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services, as may be required, for the second Meeting of States Parties”.

Accordingly, the Secretary-General has the honour to convene the second Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty from 27 November to 1 December 2023 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Secretary-General also has the honour to invite the States not parties to the Treaty to attend the Meeting of States Parties as observers. States not party to the Treaty intending to attend the Meeting of States Parties as observers are requested to inform the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs at their earliest convenience by contacting tpnw@un.org.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that Article 9, paragraph 1, of the Treaty provides, inter alia, as follows:

“The costs of the meetings of States Parties [...] shall be borne by the States Parties and States not party to this Treaty participating therein as observers, in accordance with the United Nations scale of assessment adjusted appropriately.”

Additional information on the arrangements for the Meeting will be communicated in due course.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representatives of Member States and Permanent Observers of non-Member States to the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.



31 July 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name of the Secretary-General, located to the right of the date.