
Working group on further strengthening the review process of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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Information for States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations

Summary

The present document provides preliminary information for participants at the first session of the working group on further strengthening the review process of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. Additional information that takes into account future decisions made by States parties may necessitate updates to the information contained in the document. Documentation and other information will be posted, as it becomes available, on the website of the working group (<https://meetings.unoda.org/npt-/treaty-on-the-non-proliferation-of-nuclear-weapons-working-group-on-further-strengthening-the-review-process-2023>).



I. Dates and venue

1. The meetings of the working group on further strengthening the review process of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons will be held in Vienna from 24 to 28 July 2023.
2. The opening meeting will begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, 24 July, and will be held in the M-Plenary Conference Room (M-Building, first floor) at the Vienna International Centre.

II. Restrictions related to the coronavirus disease pandemic

3. As of 1 March 2023, there are no restrictions related to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic in place in the host country and host city. Participants are strongly encouraged to consult official Austrian sources for any restrictions that may be in place, including those that apply to travellers entering Austria, at the following webpage: <https://www.austria.info/en/service-and-facts/coronavirus-information>.
4. All participants, including vaccinated participants, are encouraged to take all feasible precautions to ensure the safe conduct of the meetings of the working group. Participants are also asked not to attend the meetings if they feel ill or have respiratory or other symptoms.

III. List of speakers and general debate

5. The list of speakers for the general debate will be open as from 10 a.m. (New York time) on 30 June 2023. States parties wishing to add the names of their representatives to the list of speakers for the general debate are invited to contact the Secretariat (npt@un.org).
6. Given that a large number of States parties are expected to take part in the debate, national statements should be limited to five minutes and statements on behalf of groups of States parties to eight minutes. Similarly, statements in the exercise of the right of reply should not exceed five minutes for the first intervention and three minutes for the second. Longer statements, submitted in writing, will be reflected on the website of the working group (<https://meetings.unoda.org/npt/-treaty-on-the-non-proliferation-of-nuclear-weapons-working-group-on-further-strengthening-the-review-process-2023>).
7. Delegations are kindly asked to provide their statements in advance for the interpretation services. They may do so by sending an electronic copy of their statement to unov.conference@un.org and should clearly indicate the meeting (Non-Proliferation Treaty working group), agenda item title and number, and delegation name in the subject line of the email. Alternatively, delegations may provide 14 hard copies. The United Nations does not provide photocopying or printing services.
8. Delegations are kindly requested to email electronic versions of their statements to the Secretariat (npt@un.org), as early as possible, for posting on the website of the working group, and to clearly indicate the meeting (Non-Proliferation Treaty working group), agenda item title and number, and delegation name in the subject line of the email.

IV. List of participants

9. States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations are requested to provide, in writing, the composition of their delegations at the meetings of the working group, as soon as possible by no later than 30 June 2023. Lists of participants should be submitted in Microsoft Word format, under the cover of a note verbale from an embassy, the permanent mission or the ministry of foreign affairs and should be sent by email to the Secretariat (npt@un.org).

V. Accreditation and registration procedures

10. All members of delegations to the working group, unless they are already in possession of a valid grounds pass to the United Nations Office in Vienna, are requested to register using the Indico platform (<https://indico.un.org/event/1004476/>) by no later than 30 June 2023. There will be one registration form for the meetings of both the working group and the Preparatory Committee for the 2026 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. Delegates must specify which meeting or meetings they will attend. Registrations will only be processed for members of delegations who are included on their delegation's list of participants (see section IV).

11. Delegates will receive an email from the Indico system approving their registration within a few days of submitting their registration. Delegations will later receive a separate email from unodc-conferenceregistration@un.org, in which they will be requested to upload a passport-style photograph in digital format (JPG) that will be used for their conference pass. Delegates are highly encouraged to upload their photographs in advance.

12. All delegates will receive a conference pass that will allow them entry to the meetings of the working group. Delegates attending the meetings of both the working group and the Preparatory Committee will receive one badge for the meetings of both.

13. Identification passes will be issued at the United Nations Security and Safety Section Pass Office at Gate One of the Vienna International Centre. Participants who have uploaded their photograph in advance will be able to collect their pass from the area marked "Preprinted conference passes", located to the right after entrance through Gate One. Participants who have not uploaded their photograph in advance will be able to request and collect their pass from the Pass Office. Participants who will also be attending the meetings of the first session of the Preparatory Committee will obtain one pass that will be valid for the meetings of both the working group and the Preparatory Committee (covering the period from 24 July to 11 August). The regular working hours of the Pass Office are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday, and passes can be collected from 24 to 28 July. In addition, participants may collect their pass in advance on 21 July, from 1 to 3.30 p.m., and on 23 July, from 3 to 6 p.m. Participants will need their passport to collect their pass.

VI. Documentation

14. All documents and statements for the working group will be available on the website of the working group (<https://meetings.unoda.org/npt/-/treaty-on-the-non-proliferation-of-nuclear-weapons-working-group-on-further-strengthening-the-review-process-2023>).

15. States parties have decided that the documentation for the working group will include translation of official documents only – namely, the rules of procedure, the

agenda and the final report of the meeting. Working papers will be circulated as received. Summary records of the working group meeting will not be taken. States parties are requested to submit documents in Microsoft Word to Gunther Pointner (pointner@un.org), with a copy to the Secretariat (npt@un.org) and to clearly indicate the meeting (Non-Proliferation Treaty working group) in the subject line of the email. It should be noted that email submissions become valid only upon acknowledgement of receipt from the Secretariat.

VII. Side events and exhibitions

16. There are no rooms available for holding side events during the working group meeting. Delegations are encouraged to consider the possibility of organizing virtual side events.

17. There will also be no space available for exhibitions during the meetings of the working group.

VIII. Secretariat

18. The Secretariat can be contacted at npt@un.org.

19. A provisional list of Secretariat officials is provided below.

| <i>Area of responsibility</i> | <i>Name</i> |
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| Secretary | Christopher King |
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