

# First Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

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Agenda item 15

**Consideration and adoption of the final document of the Meeting**

## **Draft report of the first Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**

### **I. Introduction**

1. Article 8 (2) of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons reads, in part, as follows: “The first meeting of States Parties shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations within one year of the entry into force of this Treaty.” In a letter dated 10 August 2021, the President-designate of the first Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty informed the Secretary-General that the States parties had agreed that the unprecedented circumstances arising as a result of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic had made it no longer feasible to hold the Meeting by that date and had also confirmed that the Secretary-General was no longer required to convene the first Meeting of States Parties within one year of the entry into force of the Treaty in accordance with its article 8 (2). In a letter dated 22 March 2022, the President-designate informed the Secretary-General that, in the light of the evolving calendar of disarmament meetings and the COVID-19-related restrictions currently in place at the United Nations Office at Vienna, the States parties had decided to hold the first Meeting from 21 to 23 June 2022 at the Austria Center Vienna.

2. Accordingly, in a note verbale dated 4 April 2022, the Secretary-General convened the first Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty from 21 to 23 June 2022 at the Austria Center Vienna.

### **II. Organizational matters**

#### **A. Opening and duration of the Meeting**

3. The first Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was convened at the Austria Center Vienna, from 21 to 23 June 2022.

4. The Meeting was opened on 21 June 2022 by the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs. At the same meeting, Alexander Kmentt (Austria) was elected President of the Meeting. In accordance with agenda item 3, the President made introductory remarks.



5. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Meeting conducted its high-level opening session under agenda item 4, during which it heard an address by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and addresses by high-level officials. At the same meeting, the Meeting began its general exchange of views under agenda item 10, which continued at the 2nd plenary meeting, also on 21 June.

## **B. Rules of procedure**

6. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 21 June, the Meeting considered its provisional rules of procedure ([TPNW/MSP/2022/L.1](#)), which were subsequently adopted and issued as document [TPNW/MSP/2022/3](#).

## **C. Agenda and organization of work**

7. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Meeting adopted its agenda ([TPNW/MSP/2022/1](#)), as follows:

1. Opening of the Meeting.
2. Election of officers:
  - (a) Election of the President;
  - (b) Election of other officers.
3. Introduction by the President.
4. High-level opening session: address by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and addresses by high-level officials.
5. Adoption of the agenda.
6. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
7. Confirmation of the Secretary-General of the Meeting.
8. Organization of work.
9. Credentials of representatives to the Meeting:
  - (a) Appointment of members of the Credentials Committee;
  - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
10. General exchange of views.
11. Consideration of the status and operation of the Treaty and other matters important for achieving the objectives and purpose of the Treaty:
  - (a) Declarations regarding the ownership, possession or control of nuclear weapons (article 2);
  - (b) Universality (article 12);
  - (c) Deadlines for the removal from operational status and destruction of nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices, and their removal from national territories (article 4);
  - (d) Competent international authority, including verification (article 4);
  - (e) Victim assistance, environmental remediation and international cooperation and assistance (articles 6 and 7);
  - (f) National implementation measures (article 5);

- (g) Other matters important for achieving the objectives and purpose of the Treaty, such as:
  - (i) Institutionalizing scientific and technical advice for the effective implementation of the Treaty;
  - (ii) Intersessional structure for the implementation of the Treaty;
  - (iii) Complementarity of the Treaty with the existing nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime.

- 12. Financial matters.
- 13. Preparations for the second Meeting of States Parties.
- 14. Other matters.
- 15. Consideration and adoption of the final document of the Meeting.
- 16. Closure of the Meeting.

8. Also at its 1st plenary meeting, the Meeting took note of the draft programme of work ([TPNW/MSP/2022/INF/3](#)).

9. At the same meeting, the Meeting took note of decisions that had been taken prior to the Meeting, in accordance with rule 45 of the rules of procedure. In that regard, the Meeting took note of the intersessional decision, taken pursuant to rule 1 (4), to accept the participation of the non-governmental organizations listed in document TPNW/MSP/2022/CRP.3 (not made publicly available). In addition, the Meeting took note of the intersessional decision to hold the meeting at the Austria Center Vienna, from 21 to 23 June 2022.

#### **D. Officers**

10. The Meeting elected its officers, as follows:

*President:*

Alexander Kmentt (Austria)

*Vice-Presidents:*

Kazakhstan

Mexico

Thailand

11. At its 6th plenary meeting, the Meeting elected [...] as President of the second Meeting, in accordance with rule 6 (3) of the rules of procedure.

#### **E. Confirmation of the Secretary-General of the Meeting**

12. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Meeting took note of the appointment by the Secretary-General of the United Nations of Christopher King as Secretary-General of the Meeting.

#### **F. Documentation**

13. The documents for the Meeting are listed in annex IV to the present report.

### III. Credentials

14. Pursuant to rule 4 of the rules of procedure, according to which the Credentials Committee is to be composed of five members, the Meeting appointed Côte d'Ivoire, Guyana, Malta, Paraguay and Samoa as members of its Credentials Committee.

15. At its 6th meeting, on 23 June, the conference adopted the draft resolution set out in paragraph 14 of the report of the Credentials Committee ([TPNW/MSP/2022/4](#)), as recommended by the Committee after it had examined the credentials of the representatives of States parties to the Meeting and found them to be in order.

### IV. Attendance

16. The following 49 States parties participated in the Meeting: Austria, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Cambodia, Chile, Comoros, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Holy See, Honduras, Ireland, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Namibia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Samoa, San Marino, South Africa, State of Palestine, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Viet Nam.

17. The following 34 States attended the Meeting as observers: Algeria, Australia, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Finland, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Indonesia, Iraq, Libya, Liechtenstein, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, Niger, Norway, Qatar, Senegal, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, Timor-Leste, United Republic of Tanzania and Yemen.

18. Representatives of the United Nations, the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the African Commission on Nuclear Energy, the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Pacific Islands Forum and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, attended the Meeting as observers without the right to vote, in accordance with rule 1 (2) of the rules of procedure.

19. Representatives of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe attended the Meeting as observers without the right to vote, in accordance with rule 1 (3) of the rules of procedure.

20. Representatives of 85 relevant non-governmental organizations attended the Meetings under rule 1 (3) of the rules of procedure.

21. The list of participants is contained in document [TPNW/MSP/2022/INF/4](#) (forthcoming).

## **V. Consideration of the status and operation of the Treaty and other matters important for achieving the objectives and purpose of the Treaty**

22. At its 3rd to 5th plenary meetings, on 22 and 23 June, under agenda item 11, the Meeting considered the status and operation of the Treaty and other matters important for achieving the objectives and purpose of the Treaty. The President and the facilitators presented the results of the consultation processes related to the sub-items of agenda item 11. Delegations made comments.

## **VI. Financial matters**

23. At its 6th plenary meeting, on 23 June, the Meeting took note of its financial report ([TPNW/MSP/2022/2](#)).

## **VII. Preparations for the second Meeting of States Parties**

24. At its 6th plenary meeting, on 23 June, the Meeting [...].

## **VIII. Consideration and adoption of the final document of the Meeting**

25. At its 6th plenary meeting, on 23 June, the Meeting [...]

26. At the same meeting, the Meeting adopted its report.

**Annex I**

**[Title of declaration to be inserted]**

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**Annex II**

**[Title of action plan to be inserted]**

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## **Annex III**

### **Other decisions**

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**Annex IV****Documentation**

The Meeting had before it the documents listed in the table below.

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