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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL**

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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, which entered into force on 22 January 2021.

Article 8, paragraph 2, of the Treaty states that “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.” Article 8, paragraph 5, of the Treaty states that “States not party to this 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 States Parties to the Treaty decided that the first Meeting of States Parties will be held at the United Nations Office at Vienna from 12 to 14 January 2022.

By operative paragraph 14 of its resolution 72/31, entitled “Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations” of 4 December 2017, the General Assembly “request[ed] the Secretary-General to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services as may be necessary to fulfil the tasks entrusted to him under the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons”.

In accordance with these provisions, the Secretary-General has the honour to convene the first Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty. This Meeting will be held from 12 to 14 January 2022 in Vienna, Austria.

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

Further 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.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be the signature of the Secretary-General, located to the right of the official seal.

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